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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 27 November 1998 (27.11.98)	
International application No. PCT/US98/07126	Applicant's or agent's file reference CGAB-210 PCT
International filing date (day/month/year) 10 April 1998 (10.04.98)	Priority date (day/month/year) 11 April 1997 (11.04.97)
Applicant KNUTZON, Deborah et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
06 November 1998 (06.11.98)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing
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FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.
PCT/US 98/07126

International filing date
(day/month/year) 10/04/1998

Applicant

CALGENE LLC et al.

Due 11/3/98

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference CGAB-210 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION <small>see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</small>	
International application No. PCT/US 98/ 07126	International filing date (day/month/year) 10/04/1998	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 11/04/1997
Applicant CALGENE LLC et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☒ Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box I).
2. ☒ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).
3. ☒ The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing

☒ filed with the international application.
☐ furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,

☐ but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

☐ Transcribed by this Authority
4. With regard to the title, ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International Search Report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:

Figure No. 1 ☒ as suggested by the applicant. ☐ None of the figures.
☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US 98/07126

Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Remark: Although claims 68, 87, 88
are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal
body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged
effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: (not applicable)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such
an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all
searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment
of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report
covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is
restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This international Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-94, 97, 98

Isolated nucleic acids comprising SEQ ID NO: 1,3, as well as polypeptides comprising SEQ ID NO: 2,4, homologs and fragments thereof.

An isolated or purified eukaryotic polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12, especially of fungal origin, especially of *Mortierella alpina*.

Nucleic acid constructs and vectors comprising delta-6, or delta 12 desaturases according to SEQ ID NO: 1,3, derived from the fungus *Mortierella alpina*.

Recombinant cells comprising said constructs.

Methods for the production of GLA, stearidonic acid, linoleic acid, or gamma-linolenic acid in eukaryotic cell cultures, especially yeast cultures, employing DNA sequences or constructs coding for delta-6, or delta-12 desaturases of fungal origin, especially of *Mortierella alpina*.

Methods for obtaining altered long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis using plants comprising delta-6, or delta-12 desaturases, or combinations thereof, derived from fungi or algae.

Plant oils derived from said plants and their use for therapeutical, nutritional, and cosmetical purposes, as well as products derived therefrom.

2. Claim : 95

An isolated peptides sequence selected from the group of SEQ ID NO: 34-40.

3. Claim : 96

An isolated peptides sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 20, 22, 25, 26

Claims No.: not applicable

In view of the extremely broad claims 5-8, the search was executed with due regard to the PCT Search guidelines (PCT/GL/2), C-III, paragraph 2.2, 2.3 read in conjunction with 3.7 and Rule 33.3 PCT, i.e. particular emphasis was put on the inventive concept, as illustrated by *Mortierella alpina* fatty acid desaturases comprising the nucleotide sequences in SEQ ID NO:1 and 3.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/US 98/07126

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 6 C12N15/53 C12N15/81 C12N9/02 C12N5/10 C12N1/19
 C12P7/64 C11B1/00 A61K31/20 A23L1/30

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 C12N C12P C11B A61K A23L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	COVELLO P. ET AL.: "Functional expression of the extraplastidial Arabidopsis thaliana oleate desaturase gene (FAD2) in Saccharomyces cerevisiae" PLANT PHYSIOLOGY, vol. 111, no. 1, May 1996, pages 223-226, XP002075211 see the whole document ---	10
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
 "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
 "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
 "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
 "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

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 "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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 "&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

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Date of mailing of the international search report

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International Application No

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 93 06712 A (RHONE POULENC AGROCHIMIE) 15 April 1993 cited in the application see the whole document ---	10,65-67
X	WO 96 21022 A (RHONE POULENC AGROCHIMIE) 11 July 1996 cited in the application * see the whole document, esp. p. 21.3-21 *	10,65-92
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Information on patent family members

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		CA 2092661 A	14-09-1993
		JP 6014667 A	25-01-1994
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WO 9730582 A	28-08-1997	AU 2050497 A	10-09-1997

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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 10/04/1998

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 11/04/1997

Applicant
 CALGENE LLC et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.
4. **REMINDER**

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C12N15/53		
Applicant CALGENE LLC et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☒ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/US98/07126

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-126 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-98 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/20-20/20 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

IV. Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- ☐ restricted the claims.
- ☐ paid additional fees.
- ☐ paid additional fees under protest.
- ☐ neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/US98/07126

2. ☒ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
- ☐ complied with.
- ☒ not complied with for the following reasons:
- see separate sheet**
4. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:
- ☒ all parts.
- ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos. .

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-4,7-9,16-22,28-30,32-35,37-40,42,43,46,48,50,52-56,68,87,88,9 3-96
	No:	Claims	5,6,10,11-15,23-27,31,36,41,44,45,47,49,51,57-67,69-86,89-92,97, 98
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-4,7-9,16-22,28-30,32-35,37-40,42,43,46,48,50,52-56,68,87,88,9 3-96
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-98
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

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EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US98/07126

1. The present application as it presents itself in the description relates to two fatty acid desaturases from the filamentous fungus *Mortierella alpina*, a desaturases from human and from *Schizochytrium*, nucleic acid encoding said enzymes, methods for their preparation and use and various compositions comprising said enzymes. However, on the basis of the present set of claims a complete examination with regard to novelty and inventive step cannot be carried out, because the present set of claims contravenes the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

The reasons are as follows:

The requirements that the claims shall be concise refers to claims in their entirety as well as to individual claims. The number of the claims must be considered in relation to the nature of the invention the applicant seeks to protect.

These requirements are at present not fulfilled. The present set of claims contains 36 independent claims, which number is considered unreasonable in relation to the present alleged invention. Therefore the set of claims cannot be regarded as being concise and is thus objectionable under Article 6 PCT. This objection can be overcome by amending the claims in the following manner:

Undue repetition of wording, between one and another claim should be avoided by the use of the dependent form. Moreover, independent claims should specify clearly all of the essential features in order to be admissible under Article 6 PCT.

In addition to the above mentioned objections, several objections under clarity apply to present set of claims. As a general rule, claims which attempt to define the invention by the result to be achieved are inadmissible under Article 6 PCT.

Furthermore, the following definitions used in the claims render the scope of protection unclear:

The definition "has an average A/T content of less than about 60%" (e.g. claim 5) is unsuitable to delimit the claimed DNA from DNA molecules encoding desaturases which are undoubtedly known (see below). Also the source (e.g. claim 10) from which said DNA derives is unsuitable to distinguish from the prior art.

As far as fragments are concerned, they are admissible only if they are limited to the function (providing they are new) or if these fragments are defined by its sequence. It is evident that claims such as claim 14 and 15 claiming a nucleic acid sequence having at least about 50% homology to a sequence of 9 nucleotides are inadmissible not only under Article 6 PCT but also under Article 33(2) PCT.

2. Moreover, due to the fact that various desaturases are already known in the art

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(see e.g. D1 Physiol., vol. 111:223-226, 1996), the present set of claims lacks unity as required by Rule 13.1-13.3 PCT. In fact a common link between the different desaturases claimed in the present application does not exist. The same non-unity objection apply to independent method claims and independent product claims. Should the application enters the European regional phase, an objection under the corresponding Article will be raised.

3. The following remarks should be taken into account:

The documents cited in the search report as well as those cited in the description of the present application inter alia discloses already the cloning and expression of delta-12, delta-5, and delta-6 desaturases from different sources, the products produced by said enzymes are known and the various application of the products have also been reported, transgenic plants are described which show an altered behaviour in the biosynthesis of long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids.

With regard to the prior art cited in the search report most of the general claims lack novelty or an inventive step (i.e. claims 5,6,10-15,23-27,31,36,41,44,45,47,49,51,57-66,97 and 98). These are all claims which claim the desaturases in a broader manner than claim 1. Moreover, no basis exist for products such as claimed in claim 67,69-86, 89-92 and method claims which relate to the use of broadly defined desaturases. In addition also claims 95 and 96 cannot be maintained in the present application for lack of unity (see above).

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 06 May 1998 (06.05.98)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference CGAB-210 PCT	International application No. PCT/US98/07126

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below.

Name(s) of the applicant(s) and State(s) for which they are applicants:

CALGENE LLC et al (for all designated States except US)

KNUTZON, Deborah et al (for US)

International filing date : 10 April 1998 (10.04.98)

Priority date(s) claimed : 11 April 1997 (11.04.97)

Date of receipt of the record copy
by the International Bureau : 04 May 1998 (04.05.98)

List of designated Offices :

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ATTENTION

The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.

In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:

☒ time limits for entry into the national phase;

☐ confirmation of precautionary designations;

☒ requirements regarding priority documents.

A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.

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INFORMATION ON TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The applicant is reminded that the "national phase" must be entered before each of the designated Offices indicated in the Notification of Receipt of Record Copy (Form PCT/IB/301) by paying national fees and furnishing translations, as prescribed by the applicable national laws.

The time limit for performing these procedural acts is **20 MONTHS** from the priority date or, for those designated States which the applicant elects in a demand for international preliminary examination or in a later election **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, provided that the election is made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Some designated (or elected) Offices have fixed time limits which expire even later than 20 or 30 months from the priority date. In other Offices an extension of time or grace period, in some cases upon payment of an additional fee, is available.

In addition to these procedural acts, the applicant may also have to comply with other special requirements applicable in certain Offices. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the necessary steps to enter the national phase are taken in a timely fashion. Most designated Offices do not issue reminders to applicants in connection with the entry into the national phase.

For detailed information about the procedural acts to be performed to enter the national phase before each designated Office, the applicable time limits and possible extensions of time or grace periods, and any other requirements, see the relevant Chapters of Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide. Information about the requirements for filing a demand for international preliminary examination is set out in Chapter IX of Volume I of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

GR and ES became bound by PCT Chapter II on 7 September 1996 and 6 September 1997, respectively, and may, therefore, be elected in a demand or a later election filed on or after 7 September 1996 and 6 September 1997, respectively, regardless of the filing date of the international application. (See second paragraph above.)

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

CONFIRMATION OF PRECAUTIONARY DESIGNATIONS

This notification lists only specific designations made under Rule 4.9(a) in the request. It is important to check that these designations are correct. Errors in designations can be corrected where precautionary designations have been made under Rule 4.9(b). The applicant is hereby reminded that any precautionary designations may be confirmed according to Rule 4.9(c) before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date. If it is not confirmed, it will automatically be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant. There will be no reminder and no invitation. Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying the designated State concerned (with an indication of the kind of protection or treatment desired) and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.

REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For applicants who have not yet complied with the requirements regarding priority documents the following is recalled.

Where the priority of an earlier national (i.e., national or regional) application is claimed, the applicant must submit a copy of the said national application, certified by the authority with which it was filed ("the priority document") to the receiving Office (which will transmit it to the International Bureau) or directly to the International Bureau, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date (Rule 17.1).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau. Such request must be made before the expiration of the 16-month time limit.

It is recalled that, where several priorities are claimed, the priority date to be considered for the purposes of computing the 16-month time limit is the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed.

If the priority document concerned is not submitted to the International Bureau before the expiration of the 16-month time limit, or if the request to the receiving Office to transmit the priority document has not been made (and the corresponding fee, if any, paid) before the expiration of this time limit, any designated State may disregard the priority claim.

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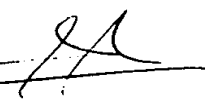
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Applicant's or agent's file reference CGAB-210 PCT		IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/US98/07126	International filing date (day/month/year) 10 April 1998 (10.04.98)	Priority date (day/month/year) 11 April 1997 (11.04.97)
Applicant CALGENE LLC et al		

The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the following application(s):

<u>Priority application No.:</u>	<u>Priority date:</u>	<u>Priority country:</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document:</u>
08/834,655	11 Apr 1997 (11.04.97)	US	11 Jun 1998 (11.06.98)

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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International filing date (day/month/year)

10 April 1998 (10.04.98)

Priority date (day/month/year)

11 April 1997 (11.04.97)

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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:

AU,BR,CA,CN,EP,IL,JP,KP,KR,NO,PL,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

AL,AM,AP,AT,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BY,CH,CU,CZ,DE,DK,EA,EE,ES,FI,GB,GE,GH,GM,GW,HU,ID,IS,KE,
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The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 22 October 1998 (22.10.98) under No. WO 98/46763

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED
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Applicant's or agent's file reference CGAB-210 PCT		IMPORTANT INFORMATION
International application No. PCT/US98/07126	International filing date (day/month/year) 10 April 1998 (10.04.98)	Priority date (day/month/year) 11 April 1997 (11.04.97)
Applicant CALGENE LLC et al		

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

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2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

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UG, UZ, YU, ZW

3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" **before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date** before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until **31 months from the priority date** for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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REQUEST

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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SYNTHESIS OF LONG CHAIN
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**METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SYNTHESIS OF
LONG CHAIN POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS**

RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 This application is a continuation-in-part application of United States
Patent Application Serial No. 08/834,655 filed April 11, 1997.

INTRODUCTION

Field of the Invention

10 This invention relates to modulating levels of enzymes and/or enzyme
components relating to production of long chain poly-unsaturated fatty acids
(PUFAs) in a microorganism or animal.

Background

15 Two main families of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) are the ω 3
fatty acids, exemplified by eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), and the ω 6 fatty acids,
exemplified by arachidonic acid (ARA). PUFAs are important components of
the plasma membrane of the cell, where they may be found in such forms as
phospholipids. PUFAs are necessary for proper development, particularly in the
developing infant brain, and for tissue formation and repair. PUFAs also serve
as precursors to other molecules of importance in human beings and animals,
20 including the prostacyclins, eicosanoids, leukotrienes and prostaglandins. Four
major long chain PUFAs of importance include docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)
and EPA, which are primarily found in different types of fish oil, γ -linolenic
acid (GLA), which is found in the seeds of a number of plants, including
evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*), borage (*Borago officinalis*) and black
25 currants (*Ribes nigrum*), and stearidonic acid (SDA), which is found in marine
oils and plant seeds. Both GLA and another important long chain PUFA,
arachidonic acid (ARA), are found in filamentous fungi. ARA can be purified
from animal tissues including liver and adrenal gland. GLA, ARA, EPA and

SDA are themselves, or are dietary precursors to, important long chain fatty acids involved in prostaglandin synthesis, in treatment of heart disease, and in development of brain tissue.

For DHA, a number of sources exist for commercial production including a variety of marine organisms, oils obtained from cold water marine fish, and egg yolk fractions. For ARA, microorganisms including the genera *Mortierella*, *Entomophthora*, *Phytium* and *Porphyridium* can be used for commercial production. Commercial sources of SDA include the genera *Trichodesma* and *Echium*. Commercial sources of GLA include evening primrose, black currants and borage. However, there are several disadvantages associated with commercial production of PUFAs from natural sources. Natural sources of PUFAs, such as animals and plants, tend to have highly heterogeneous oil compositions. The oils obtained from these sources therefore can require extensive purification to separate out one or more desired PUFAs or to produce an oil which is enriched in one or more PUFA. Natural sources also are subject to uncontrollable fluctuations in availability. Fish stocks may undergo natural variation or may be depleted by overfishing. Fish oils have unpleasant tastes and odors, which may be impossible to economically separate from the desired product, and can render such products unacceptable as food supplements. Animal oils, and particularly fish oils, can accumulate environmental pollutants. Weather and disease can cause fluctuation in yields from both fish and plant sources. Cropland available for production of alternate oil-producing crops is subject to competition from the steady expansion of human populations and the associated increased need for food production on the remaining arable land. Crops which do produce PUFAs, such as borage, have not been adapted to commercial growth and may not perform well in monoculture. Growth of such crops is thus not economically competitive where more profitable and better established crops can be grown. Large scale fermentation of organisms such as *Mortierella* is also expensive. Natural animal tissues contain low amounts of ARA and are difficult to process. Microorganisms such as *Porphyridium* and *Mortierella* are difficult to cultivate on a commercial scale.

Dietary supplements and pharmaceutical formulations containing PUFAs can retain the disadvantages of the PUFA source. Supplements such as fish oil capsules can contain low levels of the particular desired component and thus require large dosages. High dosages result in ingestion of high levels of undesired components, including contaminants. Unpleasant tastes and odors of the supplements can make such regimens undesirable, and may inhibit compliance by the patient. Care must be taken in providing fatty acid supplements, as overaddition may result in suppression of endogenous biosynthetic pathways and lead to competition with other necessary fatty acids in various lipid fractions *in vivo*, leading to undesirable results. For example, Eskimos having a diet high in ω 3 fatty acids have an increased tendency to bleed (U.S. Pat. No. 4,874,603).

A number of enzymes are involved in PUFA biosynthesis. Linoleic acid (LA, 18:2 Δ 9, 12) is produced from oleic acid (18:1 Δ 9) by a Δ 12-desaturase. GLA (18:3 Δ 6, 9, 12) is produced from linoleic acid (LA, 18:2 Δ 9, 12) by a Δ 6-desaturase. ARA (20:4 Δ 5, 8, 11, 14) production from dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (DGLA, 20:3 Δ 8, 11, 14) is catalyzed by a Δ 5-desaturase. However, animals cannot desaturate beyond the Δ 9 position and therefore cannot convert oleic acid (18:1 Δ 9) into linoleic acid (18:2 Δ 9, 12). Likewise, α -linolenic acid (ALA, 18:3 Δ 9, 12, 15) cannot be synthesized by mammals. Other eukaryotes, including fungi and plants, have enzymes which desaturate at positions Δ 12 and Δ 15. The major poly-unsaturated fatty acids of animals therefore are either derived from diet and/or from desaturation and elongation of linoleic acid (18:2 Δ 9, 12) or α -linolenic acid (18:3 Δ 9, 12, 15). Therefore it is of interest to obtain genetic material involved in PUFA biosynthesis from species that naturally produce these fatty acids and to express the isolated material in a microbial or animal system which can be manipulated to provide production of commercial quantities of one or more PUFAs. Thus there is a need for fatty acid desaturases, genes encoding them, and recombinant methods of producing them. A need further exists for oils containing higher relative proportions of and/or

enriched in specific PUFAs. A need also exists for reliable economical methods of producing specific PUFAs.

Relevant Literature

5 Production of γ -linolenic acid by a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase is described in USPN 5,552,306. Production of 8, 11-eicosadienoic acid using *Mortierella alpina* is disclosed in USPN 5,376,541. Production of docosahexaenoic acid by dinoflagellates is described in USPN 5,407,957. Cloning of a $\Delta 6$ -palmitoyl-acyl carrier protein desaturase is described in PCT publication WO 96/13591 and USPN 5,614,400. Cloning of a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase from borage is described in 10 PCT publication WO 96/21022. Cloning of $\Delta 9$ -desaturases is described in the published patent applications PCT WO 91/13972, EP 0 550 162 A1, EP 0 561 569 A2, EP 0 644 263 A2, and EP 0 736 598 A1, and in USPN 5,057,419. Cloning of $\Delta 12$ -desaturases from various organisms is described in PCT publication WO 94/11516 and USPN 5,443,974. Cloning of $\Delta 15$ -desaturases 15 from various organisms is described in PCT publication WO 93/11245. All publications and U.S. patents or applications referred to herein are hereby incorporated in their entirety by reference.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

20 Novel compositions and methods are provided for preparation of poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acids. The compositions include nucleic acid encoding a $\Delta 6$ - and $\Delta 12$ - desaturase and/or polypeptides having $\Delta 6$ - and/or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity, the polypeptides, and probes isolating and detecting the same. The methods involve growing a host microorganism or animal expressing an introduced gene or genes encoding at least one desaturase, 25 particularly a $\Delta 6$ -, $\Delta 9$ -, $\Delta 12$ - or $\Delta 15$ -desaturase. The methods also involve the use of antisense constructs or gene disruptions to decrease or eliminate the expression level of undesired desaturases. Regulation of expression of the desaturase polypeptide(s) provides for a relative increase in desired desaturated PUFAs as a result of altered concentrations of enzymes and substrates involved

in PUFA biosynthesis. The invention finds use, for example, in the large scale production of GLA, DGLA, ARA, EPA, DHA and SDA.

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, an isolated nucleic acid comprising: a nucleotide sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3), a polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence according Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3), and a purified or isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4). In another embodiment of the invention, provided is an isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4).

Also provided is an isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end, wherein said nucleotide sequence has an average A/T content of less than about 60%. In a preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid is derived from a fungus, such as a fungus of the genus *Mortierella*. More preferred is a fungus of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

In another preferred embodiment of the invention, an isolated nucleic acid is provided wherein the nucleotide sequence of the nucleic acid is depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). The invention also provides an isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end, wherein the polypeptide is a eukaryotic polypeptide or is derived from a eukaryotic polypeptide, where a preferred eukaryotic polypeptide is derived from a fungus.

The present invention further includes a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes to Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). Preferred is an isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). The invention also includes an isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). In a preferred embodiment, the

nucleic acid of the invention includes a nucleotide sequence which encodes an amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-D (SEQ ID NO: 2) which is selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues 50-53, 39-43, 172-176, 204-213, and 390-402.

5 Also provided by the present invention is a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence depicted in a Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3) linked to a heterologous nucleic acid. In another embodiment, a nucleic acid construct is provided which comprises a nucleotide sequence depicted in a Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-
10 D (SEQ ID NO: 3) operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a host cell. The host cell is either eukaryotic or prokaryotic. Preferred eukaryotic host cells are those selected from the group consisting of a mammalian cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell, and an algae cell. Preferred mammalian cells include an avian cell, a preferred fungal cell includes a yeast
15 cell, and a preferred algae cell is a marine algae cell. Preferred prokaryotic cells include those selected from the group consisting of a bacteria, a cyanobacteria, cells which contain a bacteriophage, and/or a virus. The DNA sequence of the recombinant host cell preferably contains a promoter which is functional in the host cell, which promoter is preferably inducible. In a more preferred
20 embodiment, the microbial cell is a fungal cell of the genus *Mortierella*, with a more preferred fungus is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

In addition, the present invention provides a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to an amino
25 acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4), wherein the nucleic acid is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a microbial cell, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a functionally active polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or carbon 12 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid
30 molecule. Another embodiment of the present invention is a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 6$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is

complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2), wherein the nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a host cell.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 12$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4), wherein the nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a host cell. The host cell, is either a eukaryotic or prokaryotic host cell. Preferred eukaryotic host cells are those selected from the group consisting of a mammalian cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell, and an algae cell. Preferred mammalian cells include an avian cell, a preferred fungal cell includes a yeast cell, and a preferred algae cell is a marine algae cell. Preferred prokaryotic cells include those selected from the group consisting of a bacteria, a cyanobacteria, cells which contain a bacteriophage, and/or a virus. The DNA sequence of the recombinant host cell preferably contains a promoter which is functional in the host cell and which preferably is inducible. A preferred recombinant host cell is a microbial cell such as a yeast cell, such as a *Saccharomyces* cell.

The present invention also provides a recombinant microbial cell comprising at least one copy of a nucleic acid which encodes a functionally active *Mortierella alpina* fatty acid desaturase having an amino acid sequence as depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2), wherein the cell or a parent of the cell was transformed with a vector comprising said DNA sequence, and wherein the DNA sequence is operably associated with an expression control sequence. In a preferred embodiment, the cell is a microbial cell which is enriched in 18:2 fatty acids, particularly where the microbial cell is from a genus selected from the group consisting of a prokaryotic cell and eukaryotic cell. In another preferred embodiment, the microbial cell according to the invention includes an expression control sequence which is endogenous to the microbial cell.

Also provided by the present invention is a method for production of GLA in a host cell, where the method comprises growing a host culture having a plurality of host cells which contain one or more nucleic acids encoding a polypeptide which converts LA to GLA, wherein said one or more nucleic acids
5 is operably associated with an expression control sequence, under conditions whereby said one or more nucleic acids are expressed, whereby GLA is produced in the host cell. In several preferred embodiments of the methods, the polypeptide employed in the method is a functionally active enzyme which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 from the carboxyl end of a fatty
10 acid molecule; the said one or more nucleic acids is derived from a *Mortierella alpina*; the substrate for the polypeptide is exogenously supplied; the host cells are microbial cells; the microbial cells are yeast cells, such as *Saccharomyces* cells; and the growing conditions are inducible.

Also provided is an oil comprising one or more PUFA, wherein the
15 amount of said one or more PUFAs is approximately 0.3-30% arachidonic acid (ARA), approximately 0.2-30% dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (DGLA), and approximately 0.2-30% γ -linoleic acid (GLA). A preferred oil of the invention is one in which the ratio of ARA:DGLA:GLA is approximately 1.0:19.0:30 to 6.0:1.0:0.2. Another preferred embodiment of the invention is a pharmaceutical
20 composition comprising the oils in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Further provided is a nutritional composition comprising the oils of the invention. The nutritional compositions of the invention preferably are administered to a mammalian host parenterally or internally. A preferred composition of the invention for internal consumption is an infant formula. In a
25 preferred embodiment, the nutritional compositions of the invention are in a liquid form or a solid form, and can be formulated in or as a dietary supplement, and the oils provided in encapsulated form. The oils of the invention can be free of particular components of other oils and can be derived from a microbial cell, such as a yeast cell.

30 The present invention further provides a method for desaturating a fatty acid. In a preferred embodiment the method comprises culturing a recombinant microbial cell according to the invention under conditions suitable for

expression of a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, wherein the host cell further comprises a fatty acid substrate of said polypeptide. Also provided is a fatty acid desaturated by such a method, and an oil composition comprising a fatty acid produced according to the methods of the invention.

5 The present invention further includes a purified nucleotide sequence or polypeptide sequence that is substantially related or homologous to the nucleotide and peptide sequences presented in SEQ ID NO:1 - SEQ ID NO:40. The present invention is further directed to methods of using the sequences presented in SEQ ID NO:1 to SEQ ID NO:40 as probes to identify related
10 sequences, as components of expression systems and as components of systems useful for producing transgenic oil.

 The present invention is further directed to formulas, dietary supplements or dietary supplements in the form of a liquid or a solid containing the long chain fatty acids of the invention. These formulas and supplements
15 may be administered to a human or an animal.

 The formulas and supplements of the invention may further comprise at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electro dialysed whey, electro dialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein
20 hydrolysates.

 The formulas of the present invention may further include at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper,
25 chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

 The present invention is further directed to a method of treating a patient having a condition caused by insufficient intake or production of polyunsaturated fatty acids comprising administering to the patient a dietary substitute of the invention in an amount sufficient to effect treatment of the patient.

30 The present invention is further directed to cosmetic and pharmaceutical compositions of the material of the invention.

The present invention is further directed to transgenic oils in pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. The present invention is further directed to nutritional supplements, cosmetic agents and infant formulae containing transgenic oils.

5 The present invention is further directed to a method for obtaining altered long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis comprising the steps of: growing a microbe having cells which contain a transgene which encodes a transgene expression product which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of said fatty acid molecule, wherein the transgene
10 is operably associated with an expression control sequence, under conditions whereby the transgene is expressed, whereby long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis in the cells is altered.

 The present invention is further directed toward pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one nutrient selected from the group consisting
15 of a vitamin, a mineral, a carbohydrate, a sugar, an amino acid, a free fatty acid, a phospholipid, an antioxidant, and a phenolic compound.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

 Figure 1 shows possible pathways for the synthesis of arachidonic acid
20 (20:4 Δ 5, 8, 11, 14) and stearidonic acid (18:4 Δ 6, 9, 12, 15) from palmitic acid (C_{16}) from a variety of organisms, including algae, *Mortierella* and humans. These PUFAs can serve as precursors to other molecules important for humans and other animals, including prostacyclins, leukotrienes, and prostaglandins, some of which are shown.

25 Figure 2 shows possible pathways for production of PUFAs in addition to ARA, including EPA and DHA, again compiled from a variety of organisms.

 Figure 3A-E shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* Δ 6-desaturase and the deduced amino acid sequence:

 Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO 1 Δ 6 DESATURASE cDNA)

Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO 2 $\Delta 6$ DESATURASE AMINO ACID)

Figure 4 shows an alignment of a portion of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amino acid sequence with other related sequences.

5 Figure 5A-D shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase and the deduced amino acid sequence:

Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO 3 $\Delta 12$ DESATURASE cDNA)

Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO 4 $\Delta 12$ DESATURASE AMINO ACID).

Figures 6A and 6B show the effect of different expression constructs on expression of GLA in yeast.

10 Figures 7A and 7B show the effect of host strain on GLA production.

Figures 8A and 8B show the effect of temperature on GLA production in *S. cerevisiae* strain SC334.

Figure 9 shows alignments of the protein sequence of the Ma 29 and contig 253538a.

15 Figure 10 shows alignments of the protein sequence of Ma 524 and contig 253538a.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEQUENCE LISTINGS

SEQ ID NO:1 shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase.

20 SEQ ID NO:2 shows the protein sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase.

SEQ ID NO:3 shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase.

25 SEQ ID NO:4 shows the protein sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase.

SEQ ID NO:5-11 show various desaturase sequences.

SEQ ID NO:13-18 show various PCR primer sequences.

SEQ ID NO:19 and SEQ ID NO:20 show the nucleotide and amino acid sequence of a *Dictyostelium discoideum* desaturase.

5 SEQ ID NO:21 and SEQ ID NO:22 show the nucleotide and amino acid sequence of a *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* desaturase.

SEQ ID NO:23-26 show the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequence of a *Schizochytrium* cDNA clone.

SEQ ID NO: 27-33 show nucleotide sequences for human desaturases.

10 SEQ ID NO:34 - SEQ ID NO:40 show peptide sequences for human desaturases.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In order to ensure a complete understanding of the invention, the following definitions are provided:

15 **Δ 5-Desaturase:** Δ 5 desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 5 and 6 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

Δ 6-Desaturase: Δ 6-desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 6 and 7 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

Δ 9-Desaturase: Δ 9-desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 9 and 10 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

20 **Δ 12-Desaturase:** Δ 12-desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 12 and 13 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

25 **Fatty Acids:** Fatty acids are a class of compounds containing a long hydrocarbon chain and a terminal carboxylate group. Fatty acids include the following:

Fatty Acid		
12:0	lauric acid	
16:0	palmitic acid	

Fatty Acid		
16:1	palmitoleic acid	
18:0	stearic acid	
18:1	oleic acid	$\Delta 9$ -18:1
18:2 $\Delta 5,9$	taxoleic acid	$\Delta 5,9$ -18:2
18:2 $\Delta 6,9$	6,9-octadecadienoic acid	$\Delta 6,9$ -18:2
18:2	Linolenic acid	$\Delta 9,12$ -18:2 (LA)
18:3 $\Delta 6,9,12$	Gamma-linolenic acid	$\Delta 6,9,12$ -18:3 (GLA)
18:3 $\Delta 5,9,12$	Pinolenic acid	$\Delta 5,9,12$ -18:3
18:3	alpha-linoleic acid	$\Delta 9,12,15$ -18:3 (ALA)
18:4	stearidonic acid	$\Delta 6,9,12,15$ -18:4 (SDA)
20:0	Arachidic acid	
20:1	Eicosenic Acid	
22:0	behehic acid	
22:1	erucic acid	
22:2	docasadienoic acid	
20:4 $\omega 6$	arachidonic acid	$\Delta 5,8,11,14$ -20:4 (ARA)
20:3 $\omega 6$	$\omega 6$ -eicosatrienoic dihomo-gamma linolenic	$\Delta 8,11,14$ -20:3 (DGLA)
20:5 $\omega 3$	Eicosapentanoic (Timnodonic acid)	$\Delta 5,8,11,14,17$ -20:5 (EPA)
20:3 $\omega 3$	$\omega 3$ -eicosatrienoic	$\Delta 11,16,17$ -20:3
20:4 $\omega 3$	$\omega 3$ -eicosatetraenoic	$\Delta 8,11,14,17$ -20:4
22:5 $\omega 3$	Docosapentaenoic	$\Delta 7,10,13,16,19$ -22:5 ($\omega 3$ DPA)
22:6 $\omega 3$	Docosaheptaenoic (cervonic acid)	$\Delta 4,7,10,13,16,19$ -22:6 (DHA)
24:0	Lignoceric acid	

Taking into account these definitions, the present invention is directed to novel DNA sequences, DNA constructs, methods and compositions are provided which permit modification of the poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acid content of, for example, microbial cells or animals. Host cells are manipulated to express a sense or antisense transcript of a DNA encoding a polypeptide(s) which catalyzes the desaturation of a fatty acid. The substrate(s) for the expressed enzyme may be produced by the host cell or may be exogenously supplied. To achieve expression, the transformed DNA is

operably associated with transcriptional and translational initiation and termination regulatory regions that are functional in the host cell. Constructs comprising the gene to be expressed can provide for integration into the genome of the host cell or can autonomously replicate in the host cell. For production of linoleic acid (LA), the expression cassettes generally used include a cassette which provides for $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity, particularly in a host cell which produces or can take up oleic acid (U.S. Patent No. 5,443,974). Production of LA also can be increased by providing an expression cassette for a $\Delta 9$ -desaturase where that enzymatic activity is limiting. For production of ALA, the expression cassettes generally used include a cassette which provides for $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ -desaturase activity, particularly in a host cell which produces or can take up LA. For production of GLA or SDA, the expression cassettes generally used include a cassette which provides for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity, particularly in a host cell which produces or can take up LA or ALA, respectively. Production of $\omega 6$ -type unsaturated fatty acids, such as LA or GLA, is favored in a host microorganism or animal which is incapable of producing ALA. The host ALA production can be removed, reduced and/or inhibited by inhibiting the activity of a $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ - type desaturase (see Figure 2). This can be accomplished by standard selection, providing an expression cassette for an antisense $\Delta 15$ or $\omega 3$ transcript, by disrupting a target $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ -desaturase gene through insertion, deletion, substitution of part or all of the target gene, or by adding an inhibitor of $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ -desaturase. Similarly, production of LA or ALA is favored in a microorganism or animal having $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity by providing an expression cassette for an antisense $\Delta 6$ transcript, by disrupting a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene, or by use of a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase inhibitor.

MICROBIAL PRODUCTION OF FATTY ACIDS

Microbial production of fatty acids has several advantages over purification from natural sources such as fish or plants. Many microbes are known with greatly simplified oil compositions compared with those of higher organisms, making purification of desired components easier. Microbial production is not subject to fluctuations caused by external variables such as

weather and food supply. Microbially produced oil is substantially free of contamination by environmental pollutants. Additionally, microbes can provide PUFAs in particular forms which may have specific uses. For example, *Spirulina* can provide PUFAs predominantly at the first and third positions of triglycerides; digestion by pancreatic lipases preferentially releases fatty acids from these positions. Following human or animal ingestion of triglycerides derived from *Spirulina*, these PUFAs are released by pancreatic lipases as free fatty acids and thus are directly available, for example, for infant brain development. Additionally, microbial oil production can be manipulated by controlling culture conditions, notably by providing particular substrates for microbially expressed enzymes, or by addition of compounds which suppress undesired biochemical pathways. In addition to these advantages, production of fatty acids from recombinant microbes provides the ability to alter the naturally occurring microbial fatty acid profile by providing new synthetic pathways in the host or by suppressing undesired pathways, thereby increasing levels of desired PUFAs, or conjugated forms thereof, and decreasing levels of undesired PUFAs.

PRODUCTION OF FATTY ACIDS IN ANIMALS

Production of fatty acids in animals also presents several advantages. Expression of desaturase genes in animals can produce greatly increased levels of desired PUFAs in animal tissues, making recovery from those tissues more economical. For example, where the desired PUFAs are expressed in the breast milk of animals, methods of isolating PUFAs from animal milk are well established. In addition to providing a source for purification of desired PUFAs, animal breast milk can be manipulated through expression of desaturase genes, either alone or in combination with other human genes, to provide animal milks substantially similar to human breast milk during the different stages of infant development. Humanized animal milks could serve as infant formulas where human nursing is impossible or undesired, or in cases of malnourishment or disease.

Depending upon the host cell, the availability of substrate, and the desired end product(s), several polypeptides, particularly desaturases, are of

interest. By "desaturase" is intended a polypeptide which can desaturate one or more fatty acids to produce a mono- or poly-unsaturated fatty acid or precursor thereof of interest. Of particular interest are polypeptides which can catalyze the conversion of stearic acid to oleic acid, of oleic acid to LA, of LA to ALA, of LA to GLA, or of ALA to SDA, which includes enzymes which desaturate at the $\Delta 9$, $\Delta 12$, ($\omega 6$), $\Delta 15$, ($\omega 3$) or $\Delta 6$ positions. By "polypeptide" is meant any chain of amino acids, regardless of length or post-translational modification, for example, glycosylation or phosphorylation. Considerations for choosing a specific polypeptide having desaturase activity include the pH optimum of the polypeptide, whether the polypeptide is a rate limiting enzyme or a component thereof, whether the desaturase used is essential for synthesis of a desired poly-unsaturated fatty acid, and/or co-factors required by the polypeptide. The expressed polypeptide preferably has parameters compatible with the biochemical environment of its location in the host cell. For example, the polypeptide may have to compete for substrate with other enzymes in the host cell. Analyses of the K_m and specific activity of the polypeptide in question therefore are considered in determining the suitability of a given polypeptide for modifying PUFA production in a given host cell. The polypeptide used in a particular situation is one which can function under the conditions present in the intended host cell but otherwise can be any polypeptide having desaturase activity which has the desired characteristic of being capable of modifying the relative production of a desired PUFA.

For production of linoleic acid from oleic acid, the DNA sequence used encodes a polypeptide having $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity. For production of GLA from linoleic acid, the DNA sequence used encodes a polypeptide having $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity. In particular instances, expression of $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity can be coupled with expression of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity and the host cell can optionally be depleted of any $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity present, for example by providing a transcription cassette for production of antisense sequences to the $\Delta 15$ -desaturase transcription product, by disrupting the $\Delta 15$ -desaturase gene, or by using a host cell which naturally has, or has been mutated to have, low $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity. Inhibition of undesired desaturase pathways also can be

accomplished through the use of specific desaturase inhibitors such as those described in U.S. Patent No. 4,778,630. Also, a host cell for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase expression may have, or have been mutated to have, high $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity. The choice of combination of cassettes used depends in part on the PUFA profile and/or desaturase profile of the host cell. Where the host cell expresses $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity and lacks or is depleted in $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity, overexpression of $\Delta 6$ -desaturase alone generally is sufficient to provide for enhanced GLA production. Where the host cell expresses $\Delta 9$ -desaturase activity, expression of a $\Delta 12$ - and a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase can provide for enhanced GLA production. When $\Delta 9$ -desaturase activity is absent or limiting, an expression cassette for $\Delta 9$ -desaturase can be used. A scheme for the synthesis of arachidonic acid ($20:4 \Delta^{5,8,11,14}$) from stearic acid ($18:0$) is shown in Figure 2. A key enzyme in this pathway is a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase which converts the linoleic acid into γ -linolenic acid. Conversion of α -linolenic acid (ALA) to stearidonic acid by a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase also is shown.

SOURCES OF POLYPEPTIDES HAVING DESATURASE ACTIVITY

A source of polypeptides having desaturase activity and oligonucleotides encoding such polypeptides are organisms which produce a desired poly-unsaturated fatty acid. As an example, microorganisms having an ability to produce GLA or ARA can be used as a source of $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ - desaturase activity. Such microorganisms include, for example, those belonging to the genera *Mortierella*, *Conidiobolus*, *Pythium*, *Phytophthora*, *Penicillium*, *Porphyridium*, *Coidosporium*, *Mucor*, *Fusarium*, *Aspergillus*, *Rhodotorula*, and *Entomophthora*. Within the genus *Porphyridium*, of particular interest is *Porphyridium cruentum*. Within the genus *Mortierella*, of particular interest are *Mortierella elongata*, *Mortierella exigua*, *Mortierella hygrophila*, *Mortierella ramanniana*, var. *angulispora*, and *Mortierella alpina*. Within the genus *Mucor*, of particular interest are *Mucor circinelloides* and *Mucor javanicus*.

DNAs encoding desired desaturases can be identified in a variety of ways. As an example, a source of the desired desaturase, for example genomic

or cDNA libraries from *Mortierella*, is screened with detectable enzymatically- or chemically-synthesized probes, which can be made from DNA, RNA, or non-naturally occurring nucleotides, or mixtures thereof. Probes may be enzymatically synthesized from DNAs of known desaturases for normal or reduced-stringency hybridization methods. Oligonucleotide probes also can be used to screen sources and can be based on sequences of known desaturases, including sequences conserved among known desaturases, or on peptide sequences obtained from the desired purified protein. Oligonucleotide probes based on amino acid sequences can be degenerate to encompass the degeneracy of the genetic code, or can be biased in favor of the preferred codons of the source organism. Oligonucleotides also can be used as primers for PCR from reverse transcribed mRNA from a known or suspected source; the PCR product can be the full length cDNA or can be used to generate a probe to obtain the desired full length cDNA. Alternatively, a desired protein can be entirely sequenced and total synthesis of a DNA encoding that polypeptide performed.

Once the desired genomic or cDNA has been isolated, it can be sequenced by known methods. It is recognized in the art that such methods are subject to errors, such that multiple sequencing of the same region is routine and is still expected to lead to measurable rates of mistakes in the resulting deduced sequence, particularly in regions having repeated domains, extensive secondary structure, or unusual base compositions, such as regions with high GC base content. When discrepancies arise, resequencing can be done and can employ special methods. Special methods can include altering sequencing conditions by using: different temperatures; different enzymes; proteins which alter the ability of oligonucleotides to form higher order structures; altered nucleotides such as ITP or methylated dGTP; different gel compositions, for example adding formamide; different primers or primers located at different distances from the problem region; or different templates such as single stranded DNAs. Sequencing of mRNA also can be employed.

For the most part, some or all of the coding sequence for the polypeptide having desaturase activity is from a natural source. In some situations, however, it is desirable to modify all or a portion of the codons, for example, to

enhance expression, by employing host preferred codons. Host preferred codons can be determined from the codons of highest frequency in the proteins expressed in the largest amount in a particular host species of interest. Thus, the coding sequence for a polypeptide having desaturase activity can be synthesized in whole or in part. All or portions of the DNA also can be synthesized to remove any destabilizing sequences or regions of secondary structure which would be present in the transcribed mRNA. All or portions of the DNA also can be synthesized to alter the base composition to one more preferable in the desired host cell. Methods for synthesizing sequences and bringing sequences together are well established in the literature. *In vitro* mutagenesis and selection, site-directed mutagenesis, or other means can be employed to obtain mutations of naturally occurring desaturase genes to produce a polypeptide having desaturase activity *in vivo* with more desirable physical and kinetic parameters for function in the host cell, such as a longer half-life or a higher rate of production of a desired polyunsaturated fatty acid.

Mortierella alpina Desaturase

Of particular interest is the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase, which has 457 amino acids and a predicted molecular weight of 51.8 kD; the amino acid sequence is shown in Figure 3. The gene encoding the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase can be expressed in transgenic microorganisms or animals to effect greater synthesis of GLA from linoleic acid or of stearidonic acid from ALA. Other DNAs which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase DNA, or which encode polypeptides which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase polypeptide, also can be used. By substantially identical is intended an amino acid sequence or nucleic acid sequence exhibiting in order of increasing preference at least 60%, 80%, 90% or 95% homology to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amino acid sequence or nucleic acid sequence encoding the amino acid sequence. For polypeptides, the length of comparison sequences generally is at least 16 amino acids, preferably at least 20 amino acids, or most preferably 35 amino acids. For nucleic acids, the length of comparison sequences generally is at least 50 nucleotides,

preferably at least 60 nucleotides, and more preferably at least 75 nucleotides, and most preferably, 110 nucleotides. Homology typically is measured using sequence analysis software, for example, the Sequence Analysis software package of the Genetics Computer Group, University of Wisconsin
5 Biotechnology Center, 1710 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53705, MEGAlign (DNASTar, Inc., 1228 S. Park St., Madison, Wisconsin 53715), and MacVector (Oxford Molecular Group, 2105 S. Bascom Avenue, Suite 200, Campbell, California 95008). Such software matches similar sequences by assigning degrees of homology to various substitutions, deletions, and other
10 modifications. Conservative substitutions typically include substitutions within the following groups: glycine and alanine; valine, isoleucine and leucine; aspartic acid, glutamic acid, asparagine, and glutamine; serine and threonine; lysine and arginine; and phenylalanine and tyrosine. Substitutions may also be made on the basis of conserved hydrophobicity or hydrophilicity (Kyte and
15 Doolittle, *J. Mol. Biol.* 157: 105-132, 1982), or on the basis of the ability to assume similar polypeptide secondary structure (Chou and Fasman, *Adv. Enzymol.* 47: 45-148, 1978).

Also of interest is the *Mortierella alpina* Δ 12-desaturase, the nucleotide and amino acid sequence of which is shown in Figure 5. The gene encoding the
20 *Mortierella alpina* Δ 12-desaturase can be expressed in transgenic microorganisms or animals to effect greater synthesis of LA from oleic acid. Other DNAs which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* Δ 12-desaturase DNA, or which encode polypeptides which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* Δ 12-desaturase polypeptide, also can be used.

25 Other Desaturases

Encompassed by the present invention are related desaturases from the same or other organisms. Such related desaturases include variants of the disclosed Δ 6- or Δ 12-desaturase naturally occurring within the same or different species of *Mortierella*, as well as homologues of the disclosed Δ 6- or Δ 12-
30 desaturase from other species. Also included are desaturases which, although

not substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, desaturate a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12, respectively, from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule, or at carbon 12 or 6 from the terminal methyl carbon in an 18 carbon fatty acid molecule. Related desaturases can be identified by their ability to function substantially the same as the disclosed desaturases; that is, are still able to effectively convert LA to GLA, ALA to SDA or oleic acid to LA. Related desaturases also can be identified by screening sequence databases for sequences homologous to the disclosed desaturases, by hybridization of a probe based on the disclosed desaturases to a library constructed from the source organism, or by RT-PCR using mRNA from the source organism and primers based on the disclosed desaturases. Such desaturases include those from humans, *Dictyostelium discoideum* and *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*.

The regions of a desaturase polypeptide important for desaturase activity can be determined through routine mutagenesis, expression of the resulting mutant polypeptides and determination of their activities. Mutants may include deletions, insertions and point mutations, or combinations thereof. A typical functional analysis begins with deletion mutagenesis to determine the N- and C-terminal limits of the protein necessary for function, and then internal deletions, insertions or point mutants are made to further determine regions necessary for function. Other techniques such as cassette mutagenesis or total synthesis also can be used. Deletion mutagenesis is accomplished, for example, by using exonucleases to sequentially remove the 5' or 3' coding regions. Kits are available for such techniques. After deletion, the coding region is completed by ligating oligonucleotides containing start or stop codons to the deleted coding region after 5' or 3' deletion, respectively. Alternatively, oligonucleotides encoding start or stop codons are inserted into the coding region by a variety of methods including site-directed mutagenesis, mutagenic PCR or by ligation onto DNA digested at existing restriction sites. Internal deletions can similarly be made through a variety of methods including the use of existing restriction sites in the DNA, by use of mutagenic primers via site directed mutagenesis or mutagenic PCR. Insertions are made through methods such as linker-scanning

mutagenesis, site-directed mutagenesis or mutagenic PCR. Point mutations are made through techniques such as site-directed mutagenesis or mutagenic PCR.

Chemical mutagenesis also can be used for identifying regions of a desaturase polypeptide important for activity. A mutated construct is expressed, and the ability of the resulting altered protein to function as a desaturase is assayed. Such structure-function analysis can determine which regions may be deleted, which regions tolerate insertions, and which point mutations allow the mutant protein to function in substantially the same way as the native desaturase. All such mutant proteins and nucleotide sequences encoding them are within the scope of the present invention.

EXPRESSION OF DESATURASE GENES

Once the DNA encoding a desaturase polypeptide has been obtained, it is placed in a vector capable of replication in a host cell, or is propagated *in vitro* by means of techniques such as PCR or long PCR. Replicating vectors can include plasmids, phage, viruses, cosmids and the like. Desirable vectors include those useful for mutagenesis of the gene of interest or for expression of the gene of interest in host cells. The technique of long PCR has made *in vitro* propagation of large constructs possible, so that modifications to the gene of interest, such as mutagenesis or addition of expression signals, and propagation of the resulting constructs can occur entirely *in vitro* without the use of a replicating vector or a host cell.

For expression of a desaturase polypeptide, functional transcriptional and translational initiation and termination regions are operably linked to the DNA encoding the desaturase polypeptide. Expression of the polypeptide coding region can take place *in vitro* or in a host cell. Transcriptional and translational initiation and termination regions are derived from a variety of nonexclusive sources, including the DNA to be expressed, genes known or suspected to be capable of expression in the desired system, expression vectors, chemical synthesis, or from an endogenous locus in a host cell.

Expression In Vitro

In vitro expression can be accomplished, for example, by placing the coding region for the desaturase polypeptide in an expression vector designed for *in vitro* use and adding rabbit reticulocyte lysate and cofactors; labeled amino acids can be incorporated if desired. Such *in vitro* expression vectors may provide some or all of the expression signals necessary in the system used. These methods are well known in the art and the components of the system are commercially available. The reaction mixture can then be assayed directly for the polypeptide, for example by determining its activity, or the synthesized polypeptide can be purified and then assayed.

Expression In A Host Cell

Expression in a host cell can be accomplished in a transient or stable fashion. Transient expression can occur from introduced constructs which contain expression signals functional in the host cell, but which constructs do not replicate and rarely integrate in the host cell, or where the host cell is not proliferating. Transient expression also can be accomplished by inducing the activity of a regulatable promoter operably linked to the gene of interest, although such inducible systems frequently exhibit a low basal level of expression. Stable expression can be achieved by introduction of a construct that can integrate into the host genome or that autonomously replicates in the host cell. Stable expression of the gene of interest can be selected for through the use of a selectable marker located on or transfected with the expression construct, followed by selection for cells expressing the marker. When stable expression results from integration, integration of constructs can occur randomly within the host genome or can be targeted through the use of constructs containing regions of homology with the host genome sufficient to target recombination with the host locus. Where constructs are targeted to an endogenous locus, all or some of the transcriptional and translational regulatory regions can be provided by the endogenous locus.

When increased expression of the desaturase polypeptide in the source organism is desired, several methods can be employed. Additional genes encoding the desaturase polypeptide can be introduced into the host organism. Expression from the native desaturase locus also can be increased through
5 homologous recombination, for example by inserting a stronger promoter into the host genome to cause increased expression, by removing destabilizing sequences from either the mRNA or the encoded protein by deleting that information from the host genome, or by adding stabilizing sequences to the mRNA (USPN 4,910,141).

10 When it is desirable to express more than one different gene, appropriate regulatory regions and expression methods, introduced genes can be propagated in the host cell through use of replicating vectors or by integration into the host genome. Where two or more genes are expressed from separate replicating vectors, it is desirable that each vector has a different means of replication.
15 Each introduced construct, whether integrated or not, should have a different means of selection and should lack homology to the other constructs to maintain stable expression and prevent reassortment of elements among constructs. Judicious choices of regulatory regions, selection means and method of propagation of the introduced construct can be experimentally determined so
20 that all introduced genes are expressed at the necessary levels to provide for synthesis of the desired products.

As an example, where the host cell is a yeast, transcriptional and translational regions functional in yeast cells are provided, particularly from the host species. The transcriptional initiation regulatory regions can be obtained,
25 for example from genes in the glycolytic pathway, such as alcohol dehydrogenase, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GPD), phosphoglucosomerase, phosphoglycerate kinase, etc. or regulatable genes such as acid phosphatase, lactase, metallothionein, glucoamylase, etc. Any one of a number of regulatory sequences can be used in a particular situation,
30 depending upon whether constitutive or induced transcription is desired, the particular efficiency of the promoter in conjunction with the open-reading frame of interest, the ability to join a strong promoter with a control region from a

different promoter which allows for inducible transcription, ease of construction, and the like. Of particular interest are promoters which are activated in the presence of galactose. Galactose-inducible promoters (GAL1, GAL7, and GAL10) have been extensively utilized for high level and regulated expression of protein in yeast (Lue *et al.*, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* Vol. 7, p. 3446, 1987; Johnston, *Microbiol. Rev.* Vol. 51, p. 458, 1987). Transcription from the GAL promoters is activated by the GAL4 protein, which binds to the promoter region and activates transcription when galactose is present. In the absence of galactose, the antagonist GAL80 binds to GAL4 and prevents GAL4 from activating transcription. Addition of galactose prevents GAL80 from inhibiting activation by GAL4.

Nucleotide sequences surrounding the translational initiation codon ATG have been found to affect expression in yeast cells. If the desired polypeptide is poorly expressed in yeast, the nucleotide sequences of exogenous genes can be modified to include an efficient yeast translation initiation sequence to obtain optimal gene expression. For expression in *Saccharomyces*, this can be done by site-directed mutagenesis of an inefficiently expressed gene by fusing it in-frame to an endogenous *Saccharomyces* gene, preferably a highly expressed gene, such as the lactase gene.

The termination region can be derived from the 3' region of the gene from which the initiation region was obtained or from a different gene. A large number of termination regions are known to and have been found to be satisfactory in a variety of hosts from the same and different genera and species. The termination region usually is selected more as a matter of convenience rather than because of any particular property. Preferably, the termination region is derived from a yeast gene, particularly *Saccharomyces*, *Schizosaccharomyces*, *Candida* or *Kluyveromyces*. The 3' regions of two mammalian genes, γ interferon and $\alpha 2$ interferon, are also known to function in yeast.

INTRODUCTION OF CONSTRUCTS INTO HOST CELLS

Constructs comprising the gene of interest may be introduced into a host cell by standard techniques. These techniques include transformation, protoplast fusion, lipofection, transfection, transduction, conjugation, infection, 5 bolistic impact, electroporation, microinjection, scraping, or any other method which introduces the gene of interest into the host cell. Methods of transformation which are used include lithium acetate transformation (*Methods in Enzymology*, Vol. 194, p. 186-187, 1991). For convenience, a host cell which has been manipulated by any method to take up a DNA sequence or construct 10 will be referred to as "transformed" or "recombinant" herein.

The subject host will have at least have one copy of the expression construct and may have two or more, depending upon whether the gene is integrated into the genome, amplified, or is present on an extrachromosomal element having multiple copy numbers. Where the subject host is a yeast, four 15 principal types of yeast plasmid vectors can be used: Yeast Integrating plasmids (YIps), Yeast Replicating plasmids (YRps), Yeast Centromere plasmids (YCps), and Yeast Episomal plasmids (YEps). YIps lack a yeast replication origin and must be propagated as integrated elements in the yeast genome. YRps have a chromosomally derived autonomously replicating sequence and 20 are propagated as medium copy number (20 to 40), autonomously replicating, unstably segregating plasmids. YCps have both a replication origin and a centromere sequence and propagate as low copy number (10-20), autonomously replicating, stably segregating plasmids. YEps have an origin of replication from the yeast 2 μ m plasmid and are propagated as high copy number, 25 autonomously replicating, irregularly segregating plasmids. The presence of the plasmids in yeast can be ensured by maintaining selection for a marker on the plasmid. Of particular interest are the yeast vectors pYES2 (a YEp plasmid available from Invitrogen, confers uracil prototrophy and a GAL1 galactose-inducible promoter for expression), pRS425-pG1 (a YEp plasmid obtained from 30 Dr. T. H. Chang, Ass. Professor of Molecular Genetics, Ohio State University, containing a constitutive GPD promoter and conferring leucine prototrophy), and pYX424 (a YEp plasmid having a constitutive TP1 promoter and conferring

leucine prototrophy; Alber, T. and Kawasaki, G. (1982). *J. Mol. & Appl. Genetics* 1: 419).

The transformed host cell can be identified by selection for a marker contained on the introduced construct. Alternatively, a separate marker
5 construct may be introduced with the desired construct, as many transformation techniques introduce many DNA molecules into host cells. Typically, transformed hosts are selected for their ability to grow on selective media. Selective media may incorporate an antibiotic or lack a factor necessary for growth of the untransformed host, such as a nutrient or growth factor. An
10 introduced marker gene therefor may confer antibiotic resistance, or encode an essential growth factor or enzyme, and permit growth on selective media when expressed in the transformed host. Selection of a transformed host can also occur when the expressed marker protein can be detected, either directly or indirectly. The marker protein may be expressed alone or as a fusion to another
15 protein. The marker protein can be detected by its enzymatic activity; for example β galactosidase can convert the substrate X-gal to a colored product, and luciferase can convert luciferin to a light-emitting product. The marker protein can be detected by its light-producing or modifying characteristics; for example, the green fluorescent protein of *Aequorea victoria* fluoresces when
20 illuminated with blue light. Antibodies can be used to detect the marker protein or a molecular tag on, for example, a protein of interest. Cells expressing the marker protein or tag can be selected, for example, visually, or by techniques such as FACS or panning using antibodies. For selection of yeast transformants, any marker that functions in yeast may be used. Desirably,
25 resistance to kanamycin and the amino glycoside G418 are of interest, as well as ability to grow on media lacking uracil, leucine, lysine or tryptophan.

Of particular interest is the $\Delta 6$ - and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase-mediated production of PUFAs in prokaryotic and eukaryotic host cells. Prokaryotic cells of interest include *Eschericia*, *Bacillus*, *Lactobacillus*, *cyanobacteria* and the like.
30 Eukaryotic cells include mammalian cells such as those of lactating animals, avian cells such as of chickens, and other cells amenable to genetic manipulation including insect, fungal, and algae cells. The cells may be

cultured or formed as part or all of a host organism including an animal. Viruses and bacteriophage also may be used with the cells in the production of PUFAs, particularly for gene transfer, cellular targeting and selection. In a preferred embodiment, the host is any microorganism or animal which produces
5 and/or can assimilate exogenously supplied substrate(s) for a $\Delta 6$ - and/or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, and preferably produces large amounts of one or more of the substrates. Examples of host animals include mice, rats, rabbits, chickens, quail, turkeys, bovines, sheep, pigs, goats, yaks, etc., which are amenable to genetic manipulation and cloning for rapid expansion of the transgene expressing
10 population. For animals, the desaturase transgene(s) can be adapted for expression in target organelles, tissues and body fluids through modification of the gene regulatory regions. Of particular interest is the production of PUFAs in the breast milk of the host animal.

Expression In Yeast

15 Examples of host microorganisms include *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Saccharomyces carlsbergensis*, or other yeast such as *Candida*, *Kluyveromyces* or other fungi, for example, filamentous fungi such as *Aspergillus*, *Neurospora*, *Penicillium*, etc. Desirable characteristics of a host microorganism are, for example, that it is genetically well characterized, can be used for high level
20 expression of the product using ultra-high density fermentation, and is on the GRAS (generally recognized as safe) list since the proposed end product is intended for ingestion by humans. Of particular interest is use of a yeast, more particularly baker's yeast (*S. cerevisiae*), as a cell host in the subject invention. Strains of particular interest are SC334 (Mat α pep4-3 prbl-1122 ura3-52 leu2-
25 3, 112 reg1-501 gal1; *Gene* 83:57-64, 1989, Hovland P. *et al.*), YTC34 (α ade2-101 his3 Δ 200 lys2-801 ura3-52; obtained from Dr. T. H. Chang, Ass. Professor of Molecular Genetics, Ohio State University), YTC41 (a/α ura3-52/ura3=52 lys2-801/lys2-801 ade2-101/ade2-101 trp1- Δ 1/trp1- Δ 1 his3 Δ 200/his3 Δ 200
30 leu2 Δ 1/leu2 Δ 1; obtained from Dr. T. H. Chang, Ass. Professor of Molecular Genetics, Ohio State University), BJ1995 (obtained from the Yeast Genetic

Stock Centre, 1021 Donner Laboratory, Berkeley, CA 94720), INVSC1 (Mat α hiw3 Δ 1 leu2 trp1-289 ura3-52; obtained from Invitrogen, 1600 Faraday Ave., Carlsbad, CA 92008) and INVSC2 (Mat α his3 Δ 200 ura3-167; obtained from Invitrogen).

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Expression in Avian Species

For producing PUFAs in avian species and cells, such as chickens, turkeys, quail and ducks, gene transfer can be performed by introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a Δ 6 and/or Δ 12-desaturase into the cells following procedures known in the art. If a transgenic animal is desired, pluripotent stem cells of embryos can be provided with a vector carrying a desaturase encoding transgene and developed into adult animal (USPN 5,162,215; Ono *et al.* (1996) *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology A* 113(3):287-292; WO 9612793; WO 9606160). In most cases, the transgene will be modified to express high levels of the desaturase in order to increase production of PUFAs. The transgene can be modified, for example, by providing transcriptional and/or translational regulatory regions that function in avian cells, such as promoters which direct expression in particular tissues and egg parts such as yolk. The gene regulatory regions can be obtained from a variety of sources, including chicken anemia or avian leukosis viruses or avian genes such as a chicken ovalbumin gene.

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Expression in Insect Cells

Production of PUFAs in insect cells can be conducted using baculovirus expression vectors harboring one or more desaturase transgenes. Baculovirus expression vectors are available from several commercial sources such as Clonetech. Methods for producing hybrid and transgenic strains of algae, such as marine algae, which contain and express a desaturase transgene also are provided. For example, transgenic marine algae may be prepared as described in USPN 5,426,040. As with the other expression systems described above, the timing, extent of expression and activity of the desaturase transgene can be

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regulated by fitting the polypeptide coding sequence with the appropriate transcriptional and translational regulatory regions selected for a particular use. Of particular interest are promoter regions which can be induced under preselected growth conditions. For example, introduction of temperature sensitive and/or metabolite responsive mutations into the desaturase transgene coding sequences, its regulatory regions, and/or the genome of cells into which the transgene is introduced can be used for this purpose.

The transformed host cell is grown under appropriate conditions adapted for a desired end result. For host cells grown in culture, the conditions are typically optimized to produce the greatest or most economical yield of PUFAs, which relates to the selected desaturase activity. Media conditions which may be optimized include: carbon source, nitrogen source, addition of substrate, final concentration of added substrate, form of substrate added, aerobic or anaerobic growth, growth temperature, inducing agent, induction temperature, growth phase at induction, growth phase at harvest, pH, density, and maintenance of selection. Microorganisms of interest, such as yeast are preferably grown in selected medium. For yeast, complex media such as peptone broth (YPD) or a defined media such as a minimal media (contains amino acids, yeast nitrogen base, and ammonium sulfate, and lacks a component for selection, for example uracil) are preferred. Desirably, substrates to be added are first dissolved in ethanol. Where necessary, expression of the polypeptide of interest may be induced, for example by including or adding galactose to induce expression from a GAL promoter.

Expression In Plants

Production of PUFA's in plants can be conducted using various plant transformation systems such as the use of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, plant viruses, particle cell transformation and the like which are disclosed in Applicant's related applications U.S. Application Serial Nos. 08/834,033 and 08/956,985 and continuation-in-part applications filed simultaneously with this application all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Expression In An Animal

Expression in cells of a host animal can likewise be accomplished in a transient or stable manner. Transient expression can be accomplished via known methods, for example infection or lipofection, and can be repeated in order to maintain desired expression levels of the introduced construct (*see* Ebert, PCT publication WO 94/05782). Stable expression can be accomplished via integration of a construct into the host genome, resulting in a transgenic animal. The construct can be introduced, for example, by microinjection of the construct into the pronuclei of a fertilized egg, or by transfection, retroviral infection or other techniques whereby the construct is introduced into a cell line which may form or be incorporated into an adult animal (U.S. Patent No. 4,873,191; U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Willmut *et al* (1997) Nature 385:810). The recombinant eggs or embryos are transferred to a surrogate mother (U.S. Patent No. 4,873,191; U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Wilmut *et al* (*supra*)).

After birth, transgenic animals are identified, for example, by the presence of an introduced marker gene, such as for coat color, or by PCR or Southern blotting from a blood, milk or tissue sample to detect the introduced construct, or by an immunological or enzymological assay to detect the expressed protein or the products produced therefrom (U.S. Patent No. 4,873,191; U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Wilmut *et al* (*supra*)). The resulting transgenic animals may be entirely transgenic or may be mosaics, having the transgenes in only a subset of their cells. The advent of mammalian cloning, accomplished by fusing a nucleated cell with an enucleated egg, followed by transfer into a surrogate mother, presents the possibility of rapid, large-scale production upon obtaining a "founder" animal or cell comprising the introduced construct; prior to this, it was necessary for the transgene to be present in the germ line of the animal for propagation (Wilmut *et al* (*supra*)).

Expression in a host animal presents certain efficiencies, particularly where the host is a domesticated animal. For production of PUFAs in a fluid readily obtainable from the host animal, such as milk, the desaturase transgene can be expressed in mammary cells from a female host, and the PUFA content of the host cells altered. The desaturase transgene can be adapted for expression so that it is retained in the mammary cells, or secreted into milk, to form the PUFA reaction products localized to the milk (PCT publication WO 95/24488). Expression can be targeted for expression in mammary tissue using specific regulatory sequences, such as those of bovine α -lactalbumin, α -casein, β -casein, γ -casein, κ -casein, β -lactoglobulin, or whey acidic protein, and may optionally include one or more introns and/or secretory signal sequences (U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; Rosen, U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; Clark *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Garner *et al.*, PCT publication WO 95/23868). Expression of desaturase transgenes, or antisense desaturase transcripts, adapted in this manner can be used to alter the levels of specific PUFAs, or derivatives thereof, found in the animals milk. Additionally, the desaturase transgene(s) can be expressed either by itself or with other transgenes, in order to produce animal milk containing higher proportions of desired PUFAs or PUFA ratios and concentrations that resemble human breast milk (Prieto *et al.*, PCT publication WO 95/24494).

PURIFICATION OF FATTY ACIDS

The desaturated fatty acids may be found in the host microorganism or animal as free fatty acids or in conjugated forms such as acylglycerols, phospholipids, sulfolipids or glycolipids, and may be extracted from the host cell through a variety of means well-known in the art. Such means may include extraction with organic solvents, sonication, supercritical fluid extraction using for example carbon dioxide, and physical means such as presses, or combinations thereof. Of particular interest is extraction with hexane or methanol and chloroform. Where desirable, the aqueous layer can be acidified to protonate negatively charged moieties and thereby increase partitioning of desired products into the organic layer. After extraction, the organic solvents can be removed by evaporation under a stream of nitrogen. When isolated in

conjugated forms, the products may be enzymatically or chemically cleaved to release the free fatty acid or a less complex conjugate of interest, and can then be subject to further manipulations to produce a desired end product. Desirably, conjugated forms of fatty acids are cleaved with potassium hydroxide.

If further purification is necessary, standard methods can be employed.

10 Protection of reactive groups, such as the acid or alkenyl groups, may be done at any step through known techniques, for example alkylation or iodination.

Methods used include methylation of the fatty acids to produce methyl esters.

purification of fractions containing GLA, SDA, ARA, DHA and EPA may be accomplished by treatment with urea and/or fractional distillation.

USES OF FATTY ACIDS

30 Detectable labels typically include radioactive isotopes, molecules which
chemically or enzymatically produce or alter light, enzymes which produce

detectable reaction products, magnetic molecules, fluorescent molecules or molecules whose fluorescence or light-emitting characteristics change upon binding. Examples of labelling methods can be found in USPN 5,011,770. Alternatively, the binding of target molecules can be directly detected by measuring the change in heat of solution on binding of probe to target via isothermal titration calorimetry, or by coating the probe or target on a surface and detecting the change in scattering of light from the surface produced by binding of target or probe, respectively, as may be done with the BIAcore system.

PUFAs produced by recombinant means find applications in a wide variety of areas. Supplementation of animals or humans with PUFAs in various forms can result in increased levels not only of the added PUFAs but of their metabolic progeny as well.

NUTRITIONAL COMPOSITIONS

The present invention also includes nutritional compositions. Such compositions, for purposes of the present invention, include any food or preparation for human consumption including for enteral or parenteral consumption, which when taken into the body (a) serve to nourish or build up tissues or supply energy and/or (b) maintain, restore or support adequate nutritional status or metabolic function.

The nutritional composition of the present invention comprises at least one oil or acid produced in accordance with the present invention and may either be in a solid or liquid form. Additionally, the composition may include edible macronutrients, vitamins and minerals in amounts desired for a particular use. The amount of such ingredients will vary depending on whether the composition is intended for use with normal, healthy infants, children or adults having specialized needs such as those which accompany certain metabolic conditions (e.g., metabolic disorders).

Examples of macronutrients which may be added to the composition include but are not limited to edible fats, carbohydrates and proteins. Examples of such edible fats include but are not limited to coconut oil, soy oil, and mono-

and diglycerides. Examples of such carbohydrates include but are not limited to glucose, edible lactose and hydrolyzed starch. Additionally, examples of proteins which may be utilized in the nutritional composition of the invention include but are not limited to soy proteins, electro dialysed whey ,
5 electro dialysed skim milk, milk whey, or the hydrolysates of these proteins.

With respect to vitamins and minerals, the following may be added to the nutritional compositions of the present invention: calcium, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, chloride, magnesium, manganese, iron, copper, zinc, selenium, iodine, and Vitamins A, E, D, C, and the B complex. Other such
10 vitamins and minerals may also be added.

The components utilized in the nutritional compositions of the present invention will be of semi-purified or purified origin. By semi-purified or purified is meant a material which has been prepared by purification of a natural material or by synthesis.

15 Examples of nutritional compositions of the present invention include but are not limited to infant formulas, dietary supplements, and rehydration compositions. Nutritional compositions of particular interest include but are not limited to those utilized for enteral and parenteral supplementation for infants, specialist infant formulae, supplements for the elderly, and supplements for
20 those with gastrointestinal difficulties and/or malabsorption.

Nutritional Compositions

A typical nutritional composition of the present invention will contain edible macronutrients, vitamins and minerals in amounts desired for a particular use. The amounts of such ingredients will vary depending on whether the
25 formulation is intended for use with normal, healthy individuals temporarily exposed to stress, or to subjects having specialized needs due to certain chronic or acute disease states (e.g., metabolic disorders). It will be understood by persons skilled in the art that the components utilized in a nutritional formulation of the present invention are of semi-purified or purified origin. By
30 semi-purified or purified is meant a material that has been prepared by

purification of a natural material or by synthesis. These techniques are well known in the art (See, e.g., Code of Federal Regulations for Food Ingredients and Food Processing; Recommended Dietary Allowances, 10th Ed., National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 1989).

5 In a preferred embodiment, a nutritional formulation of the present invention is an enteral nutritional product, more preferably an adult or child enteral nutritional product. Accordingly in a further aspect of the invention, a nutritional formulation is provided that is suitable for feeding adults or children, who are experiencing stress. The formula comprises, in addition to the PUFAs
10 of the invention; macronutrients, vitamins and minerals in amounts designed to provide the daily nutritional requirements of adults.

 The macronutritional components include edible fats, carbohydrates and proteins. Exemplary edible fats are coconut oil, soy oil, and mono- and diglycerides and the PUFA oils of this invention. Exemplary carbohydrates are
15 glucose, edible lactose and hydrolyzed cornstarch. A typical protein source would be soy protein, electrodialysed whey or electrodialysed skim milk or milk whey, or the hydrolysates of these proteins, although other protein sources are also available and may be used. These macronutrients would be added in the form of commonly accepted nutritional compounds in amount equivalent to
20 those present in human milk or an energy basis, i.e., on a per calorie basis.

 Methods for formulating liquid and enteral nutritional formulas are well known in the art and are described in detail in the examples.

 The enteral formula can be sterilized and subsequently utilized on a ready-to-feed (RTF) basis or stored in a concentrated liquid or a powder. The
25 powder can be prepared by spray drying the enteral formula prepared as indicated above, and the formula can be reconstituted by rehydrating the concentrate. Adult and infant nutritional formulas are well known in the art and commercially available (e.g., Similac®, Ensure®, Jevity® and Alimentum® from Ross Products Division, Abbott Laboratories). An oil or acid of the
30 present invention can be added to any of these formulas in the amounts described below.

The energy density of the nutritional composition when in liquid form, can typically range from about 0.6 to 3.0 Kcal per ml. When in solid or powdered form, the nutritional supplement can contain from about 1.2 to more than 9 Kcals per gm, preferably 3 to 7 Kcals per gm. In general, the osmolality of a liquid product should be less than 700 mOsm and more preferably less than 660 mOsm.

The nutritional formula would typically include vitamins and minerals, in addition to the PUFAs of the invention, in order to help the individual ingest the minimum daily requirements for these substances. In addition to the PUFAs listed above, it may also be desirable to supplement the nutritional composition with zinc, copper, and folic acid in addition to antioxidants. It is believed that these substances will also provide a boost to the stressed immune system and thus will provide further benefits to the individual. The presence of zinc, copper or folic acid is optional and is not required in order to gain the beneficial effects on immune suppression. Likewise a pharmaceutical composition can be supplemented with these same substances as well.

In a more preferred embodiment, the nutritional contains, in addition to the antioxidant system and the PUFA component, a source of carbohydrate wherein at least 5 weight % of said carbohydrate is an indigestible oligosaccharide. In yet a more preferred embodiment, the nutritional composition additionally contains protein, taurine and carnitine.

The PUFAs, or derivatives thereof, made by the disclosed method can be used as dietary substitutes, or supplements, particularly infant formulas, for patients undergoing intravenous feeding or for preventing or treating malnutrition. Typically, human breast milk has a fatty acid profile comprising from about 0.15 % to about 0.36 % as DHA, from about 0.03 % to about 0.13 % as EPA, from about 0.30 % to about 0.88 % as ARA, from about 0.22 % to about 0.67 % as DGLA, and from about 0.27 % to about 1.04 % as GLA. Additionally, the predominant triglyceride in human milk has been reported to be 1,3-di-oleoyl-2-palmitoyl, with 2-palmitoyl glycerides reported as better absorbed than 2-oleoyl or 2-lineoyl glycerides (USPN 4,876,107). Thus, fatty acids such as ARA, DGLA, GLA and/or EPA produced by the invention can be

used to alter the composition of infant formulas to better replicate the PUFA composition of human breast milk. In particular, an oil composition for use in a pharmacologic or food supplement, particularly a breast milk substitute or supplement, will preferably comprise one or more of ARA, DGLA and GLA.
5 More preferably the oil will comprise from about 0.3 to 30% ARA, from about 0.2 to 30% DGLA, and from about 0.2 to about 30% GLA.

In addition to the concentration, the ratios of ARA, DGLA and GLA can be adapted for a particular given end use. When formulated as a breast milk supplement or substitute, an oil composition which contains two or more of
10 ARA, DGLA and GLA will be provided in a ratio of about 1:19:30 to about 6:1:0.2, respectively. For example, the breast milk of animals can vary in ratios of ARA:DGLA:DGL ranging from 1:19:30 to 6:1:0.2, which includes intermediate ratios which are preferably about 1:1:1, 1:2:1, 1:1:4. When produced together in a host cell, adjusting the rate and percent of conversion of
15 a precursor substrate such as GLA and DGLA to ARA can be used to precisely control the PUFA ratios. For example, a 5% to 10% conversion rate of DGLA to ARA can be used to produce an ARA to DGLA ratio of about 1:19, whereas a conversion rate of about 75% to 80% can be used to produce an ARA to DGLA ratio of about 6:1. Therefore, whether in a cell culture system or in a
20 host animal, regulating the timing, extent and specificity of desaturase expression as described can be used to modulate the PUFA levels and ratios. Depending on the expression system used, e.g., cell culture or an animal expressing oil(s) in its milk, the oils also can be isolated and recombined in the desired concentrations and ratios. Amounts of oils providing these ratios of
25 PUFA can be determined following standard protocols. PUFAs, or host cells containing them, also can be used as animal food supplements to alter an animal's tissue or milk fatty acid composition to one more desirable for human or animal consumption.

For dietary supplementation, the purified PUFAs, or derivatives thereof,
30 may be incorporated into cooking oils, fats or margarines formulated so that in normal use the recipient would receive the desired amount. The PUFAs may

also be incorporated into infant formulas, nutritional supplements or other food products, and may find use as anti-inflammatory or cholesterol lowering agents.

Pharmaceutical Compositions

5 The present invention also encompasses a pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more of the acids and/or resulting oils produced in accordance with the methods described herein. More specifically, such a pharmaceutical composition may comprise one or more of the acids and/or oils as well as a standard, well-known, non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant or vehicle such as, for example, phosphate buffered saline,
10 water, ethanol, polyols, vegetable oils, a wetting agent or an emulsion such as a water/oil emulsion. The composition may be in either a liquid or solid form. For example, the composition may be in the form of a tablet, capsule, ingestible liquid or powder, injectible, or topical ointment or cream.

15 Possible routes of administration include, for example, oral, rectal and parenteral. The route of administration will, of course, depend upon the desired effect. For example, if the composition is being utilized to treat rough, dry, or aging skin, to treat injured or burned skin, or to treat skin or hair affected by a disease or condition, it may perhaps be applied topically.

20 The dosage of the composition to be administered to the patient may be determined by one of ordinary skill in the art and depends upon various factors such as weight of the patient, age of the patient, immune status of the patient, etc.

25 With respect to form, the composition may be, for example, a solution, a dispersion, a suspension, an emulsion or a sterile powder which is then reconstituted.

 Additionally, the composition of the present invention may be utilized for cosmetic purposes. It may be added to pre-existing cosmetic compositions such that a mixture is formed or may be used as a sole composition.

Pharmaceutical compositions may be utilized to administer the PUFA component to an individual. Suitable pharmaceutical compositions may comprise physiologically acceptable sterile aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or emulsions and sterile powders for reconstitution into sterile solutions or dispersions for ingestion. Examples of suitable aqueous and non-aqueous carriers, diluents, solvents or vehicles include water, ethanol, polyols (propyleneglycol, polyethyleneglycol, glycerol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils (such as olive oil) and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions and by the use of surfactants. It may also be desirable to include isotonic agents, for example sugars, sodium chloride and the like. Besides such inert diluents, the composition can also include adjuvants, such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents.

Suspensions, in addition to the active compounds, may contain suspending agents, as for example, ethoxylated isostearyl alcohols, polyoxyethylene sorbitol and sorbitan esters, microcrystalline cellulose, aluminum metahydroxide, bentonite, agar-agar and tragacanth or mixtures of these substances, and the like.

Solid dosage forms such as tablets and capsules can be prepared using techniques well known in the art. For example, PUFAs of the invention can be tableted with conventional tablet bases such as lactose, sucrose, and cornstarch in combination with binders such as acacia, cornstarch or gelatin, disintegrating agents such as potato starch or alginic acid and a lubricant such as stearic acid or magnesium stearate. Capsules can be prepared by incorporating these excipients into a gelatin capsule along with the antioxidants and the PUFA component. The amount of the antioxidants and PUFA component that should be incorporated into the pharmaceutical formulation should fit within the guidelines discussed above.

As used in this application, the term "treat" refers to either preventing, or reducing the incidence of, the undesired occurrence. For example, to treat immune suppression refers to either preventing the occurrence of this

suppression or reducing the amount of such suppression. The terms "patient" and "individual" are being used interchangeably and both refer to an animal. The term "animal" as used in this application refers to any warm-blooded mammal including, but not limited to, dogs, humans, monkeys, and apes. As
5 used in the application the term "about" refers to an amount varying from the stated range or number by a reasonable amount depending upon the context of use. Any numerical number or range specified in the specification should be considered to be modified by the term about.

"Dose" and "serving" are used interchangeably and refer to the amount
10 of the nutritional or pharmaceutical composition ingested by the patient in a single setting and designed to deliver effective amounts of the antioxidants and the structured triglyceride. As will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, a single dose or serving of the liquid nutritional powder should supply the amount of antioxidants and PUFAs discussed above. The amount of the dose or
15 serving should be a volume that a typical adult can consume in one sitting. This amount can vary widely depending upon the age, weight, sex or medical condition of the patient. However as a general guideline, a single serving or dose of a liquid nutritional produce should be considered as encompassing a volume from 100 to 600 ml, more preferably from 125 to 500 ml and most
20 preferably from 125 to 300 ml.

The PUFAs of the present invention may also be added to food even when supplementation of the diet is not required. For example, the composition may be added to food of any type including but not limited to margarines, modified butters, cheeses, milk, yogurt, chocolate, candy, snacks, salad oils,
25 cooking oils, cooking fats, meats, fish and beverages.

Pharmaceutical Applications

For pharmaceutical use (human or veterinary), the compositions are generally administered orally but can be administered by any route by which they may be successfully absorbed, e.g., parenterally (i.e. subcutaneously,
30 intramuscularly or intravenously), rectally or vaginally or topically, for example, as a skin ointment or lotion. The PUFAs of the present invention may

be administered alone or in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient. Where available, gelatin capsules are the preferred form of oral administration. Dietary supplementation as set forth above also can provide an oral route of administration. The unsaturated acids of the present invention may be administered in conjugated forms, or as salts, esters, amides or prodrugs of the fatty acids. Any pharmaceutically acceptable salt is encompassed by the present invention; especially preferred are the sodium, potassium or lithium salts. Also encompassed are the N-alkylpolyhydroxamine salts, such as N-methyl glucamine, found in PCT publication WO 96/33155. The preferred esters are the ethyl esters. As solid salts, the PUFAs also can be administered in tablet form. For intravenous administration, the PUFAs or derivatives thereof may be incorporated into commercial formulations such as Intralipids. The typical normal adult plasma fatty acid profile comprises 6.64 to 9.46% of ARA, 1.45 to 3.11% of DGLA, and 0.02 to 0.08% of GLA. These PUFAs or their metabolic precursors can be administered, either alone or in mixtures with other PUFAs, to achieve a normal fatty acid profile in a patient. Where desired, the individual components of formulations may be individually provided in kit form, for single or multiple use. A typical dosage of a particular fatty acid is from 0.1 mg to 20 g, or even 100 g daily, and is preferably from 10 mg to 1, 2, 5 or 10 g daily as required, or molar equivalent amounts of derivative forms thereof. Parenteral nutrition compositions comprising from about 2 to about 30 weight percent fatty acids calculated as triglycerides are encompassed by the present invention; preferred is a composition having from about 1 to about 25 weight percent of the total PUFA composition as GLA (USPN 5,196,198). Other vitamins, and particularly fat-soluble vitamins such as vitamin A, D, E and L-carnitine can optionally be included. Where desired, a preservative such as α tocopherol may be added, typically at about 0.1% by weight.

Suitable pharmaceutical compositions may comprise physiologically acceptable sterile aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or emulsions and sterile powders for reconstitution into sterile injectible solutions or dispersions. Examples of suitable aqueous and non-aqueous carriers,

diluents, solvents or vehicles include water, ethanol, polyols (propyleneglyol, polyethyleneglycol, glycerol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils (such as olive oil) and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions and by the use of surfactants. It may also be desirable to include isotonic agents, for example sugars, sodium chloride and the like. Besides such inert diluents, the composition can also include adjuvants, such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents.

Suspensions in addition to the active compounds, may contain suspending agents, as for example, ethoxylated isostearyl alcohols, polyoxyethylene sorbitol and sorbitan esters, microcrystalline cellulose, aluminum metahydroxide, bentonite, agar-agar and tragacanth, or mixtures of these substances and the like.

An especially preferred pharmaceutical composition contains diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides dissolved in an aqueous medium or solvent. Diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides have an HLB value of about 9-12 and are significantly more hydrophilic than existing antimicrobial lipids that have HLB values of 2-4. Those existing hydrophobic lipids cannot be formulated into aqueous compositions. As disclosed herein, those lipids can now be solubilized into aqueous media in combination with diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides. In accordance with this embodiment, diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides (e.g., DATEM-C12:0) is melted with other active antimicrobial lipids (e.g., 18:2 and 12:0 monoglycerides) and mixed to obtain a homogeneous mixture. Homogeneity allows for increased antimicrobial activity. The mixture can be completely dispersed in water. This is not possible without the addition of diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides and premixing with other monoglycerides prior to introduction into water. The aqueous composition can then be admixed under sterile conditions with physiologically acceptable diluents, preservatives, buffers or propellants as may be required to form a spray or inhalant.

The present invention also encompasses the treatment of numerous disorders with fatty acids. Supplementation with PUFAs of the present invention can be used to treat restenosis after angioplasty. Symptoms of inflammation, rheumatoid arthritis, and asthma and psoriasis can be treated with the PUFAs of the present invention. Evidence indicates that PUFAs may be involved in calcium metabolism, suggesting that PUFAs of the present invention may be used in the treatment or prevention of osteoporosis and of kidney or urinary tract stones.

The PUFAs of the present invention can be used in the treatment of cancer. Malignant cells have been shown to have altered fatty acid compositions; addition of fatty acids has been shown to slow their growth and cause cell death, and to increase their susceptibility to chemotherapeutic agents. GLA has been shown to cause reexpression on cancer cells of the E-cadherin cellular adhesion molecules, loss of which is associated with aggressive metastasis. Clinical testing of intravenous administration of the water soluble lithium salt of GLA to pancreatic cancer patients produced statistically significant increases in their survival. PUFA supplementation may also be useful for treating cachexia associated with cancer.

The PUFAs of the present invention can also be used to treat diabetes (USPN 4,826,877; Horrobin *et al.*, Am. J. Clin. Nutr. Vol. 57 (Suppl.), 732S-737S). Altered fatty acid metabolism and composition has been demonstrated in diabetic animals. These alterations have been suggested to be involved in some of the long-term complications resulting from diabetes, including retinopathy, neuropathy, nephropathy and reproductive system damage. Primrose oil, which contains GLA, has been shown to prevent and reverse diabetic nerve damage.

The PUFAs of the present invention can be used to treat eczema, reduce blood pressure and improve math scores. Essential fatty acid deficiency has been suggested as being involved in eczema, and studies have shown beneficial effects on eczema from treatment with GLA. GLA has also been shown to reduce increases in blood pressure associated with stress, and to improve performance on arithmetic tests. GLA and DGLA have been shown to inhibit

platelet aggregation, cause vasodilation, lower cholesterol levels and inhibit proliferation of vessel wall smooth muscle and fibrous tissue (Brenner *et al.*, 'Adv. Exp. Med. Biol. Vol. 83, p. 85-101, 1976). Administration of GLA or DGLA, alone or in combination with EPA, has been shown to reduce or prevent gastro-intestinal bleeding and other side effects caused by non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (USPN 4,666,701). GLA and DGLA have also been shown to prevent or treat endometriosis and premenstrual syndrome (USPN 4,758,592) and to treat myalgic encephalomyelitis and chronic fatigue after viral infections (USPN 5,116,871).

Further uses of the PUFAs of this invention include use in treatment of AIDS, multiple sclerosis, acute respiratory syndrome, hypertension and inflammatory skin disorders. The PUFAs of the inventions also can be used for formulas for general health as well as for geriatric treatments.

Veterinary Applications

It should be noted that the above-described pharmaceutical and nutritional compositions may be utilized in connection with animals, as well as humans, as animals experience many of the same needs and conditions as human. For example, the oil or acids of the present invention may be utilized in animal feed supplements.

The following examples are presented by way of illustration, not of limitation.

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Example 1

Construction of a cDNA Library from *Mortierella alpina*

Total RNA was isolated from a 3 day old PUFA-producing culture of *Mortierella alpina* using the protocol of Hoge *et al.* (1982) *Experimental Mycology* 6:225-232. The RNA was used to prepare double-stranded cDNA using BRL's lambda-ZipLox system following the manufactures instructions. Several size fractions of the *M. alpina* cDNA were packaged separately to yield libraries with different average-sized inserts. A "full-length" library contains approximately 3×10^6 clones with an average insert size of 1.77 kb. The "sequencing-grade" library contains approximately 6×10^5 clones with an average insert size of 1.1 kb.

Example 2

Isolation of a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase Nucleotide Sequence from *Mortierella Alpina*

A nucleic acid sequence from a partial cDNA clone, Ma524, encoding a $\Delta 6$ fatty acid desaturase from *Mortierella alpina* was obtained by random sequencing of clones from the *M. alpina* cDNA sequencing grade library described in Example 1. cDNA-containing plasmids were excised as follows:

Five μ l of phage were combined with 100 μ l of *E. coli* DH10B(ZIP) grown in ECLB plus 10 μ g/ml kanamycin, 0.2% maltose, and 10 mM MgSO_4 and incubated at 37 degrees for 15 minutes. 0.9 ml SOC was added and 100 μ l of the bacteria immediately plated on each of 10 ECLB + 50 μ g Pen plates. No 45 minute recovery time was needed. The plates were incubated overnight at 37°. Colonies were picked into ECLB + 50 μ g Pen media for overnight cultures to be used for making glycerol stocks and miniprep DNA. An aliquot of the culture used for the miniprep is stored as a glycerol stock. Plating on ECLB + 50 μ g Pen/ml resulted in more colonies and a greater proportion of colonies containing inserts than plating on 100 μ g/ml Pen.

Random colonies were picked and plasmid DNA purified using Qiagen miniprep kits. DNA sequence was obtained from the 5' end of the cDNA insert and compared to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) nonredundant database using the BLASTX algorithm. Ma524 was identified as a putative desaturase based on DNA sequence homology to previously identified desaturases.

A full-length cDNA clone was isolated from the *M. alpina* full-length library and designed pCGN5532. The cDNA is contained as a 1617 bp insert in the vector pZL1 (BRL) and, beginning with the first ATG, contains an open reading frame encoding 457 amino acids. The three conserved "histidine boxes" known to be conserved among membrane-bound deaturases (Okuley, et al. (1994) *The Plant Cell* 6:147-158) were found to be present at amino acid positions 172-176, 209-213, and 395-399 (see Figure 3). As with other

membrane-bound $\Delta 6$ -desaturases the final HXXHH histidine box motif was found to be QXXHH. The amino acid sequence of Ma524 was found to display significant homology to a portion of a *Caenorhabditis elegans* cosmid, WO6D2.4, a cytochrome b5/desaturase fusion protein from sunflower, and the
5 *Synechocystis* and *Spirulina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturases. In addition, Ma524 was shown to have homology to the borage $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amino sequence (PCT publication W) 96/21022). Ma524 thus appears to encode a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase that is related to the borage and algal $\Delta 6$ -desaturases. The peptide sequences are shown as SEQ ID NO:5 - SEQ ID NO:11.

10 The amino terminus of the encoded protein was found to exhibit significant homology to cytochrome b5 proteins. The *Mortierella* cDNA clone appears to represent a fusion between a cytochrome b5 and a fatty acid desaturase. Since cytochrome b5 is believed to function as the electron donor for membrane-bound desaturase enzymes, it is possible that the N-terminal
15 cytochrome b5 domain of this desaturase protein is involved in its function. This may be advantageous when expressing the desaturase in heterologous systems for PUFA production. However, it should be noted that, although the amino acid sequences of Ma524 and the borage $\Delta 6$ were found to contain regions of homology, the base compositions of the cDNAs were shown to be
20 significantly different. For example, the borage cDNA was shown to have an overall base composition of 60 % A/T, with some regions exceeding 70 %, while Ma524 was shown to have an average of 44 % A/T base composition, with no regions exceeding 60 %. This may have implications for expressing the cDNAs in microorganisms or animals which favor different base compositions.
25 It is known that poor expression of recombinant genes can occur when the host prefers a base composition different from that of the introduced gene. Mechanisms for such poor expression include decreased stability, cryptic splice sites, and/or translatability of the mRNA and the like.

Example 3

Identification of $\Delta 6$ -desaturases Homologous to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase

Nucleic acid sequences that encode putative $\Delta 6$ -desaturases were
5 identified through a BLASTX search of the Expressed Sequence Tag ("EST")
databases through NCBI using the Ma524 amino acid sequence. Several
sequences showed significant homology. In particular, the deduced amino acid
sequence of two *Arabidopsis thaliana* sequences, (accession numbers F13728
and T42806) showed homology to two different regions of the deduced amino
10 acid sequence of Ma524. The following PCR primers were designed:
ATTS4723-FOR (complementary to F13728) SEQ ID NO:13
5' CUACUACUACUAGGAGTCCTCTACGGTGTTTTG and
T42806-REV (complementary to T42806) SEQ ID NO:14
5' CAUCAUCAUATGATGCTCAAGCTGAAACTG. Five μ g of total
15 RNA isolated from developing siliques of *Arabidopsis thaliana* was reverse
transcribed using BRL Superscript RTase and the primer TSyn
(5'-CCAAGCTTCTGCAGGAGCTCTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT-3') and is shown as
SEQ ID NO:12. PCR was carried out in a 50 μ l volume containing: template
derived from 25 ng total RNA, 2 pM each primer, 200 μ M each
20 deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate, 60 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.5, 15 mM $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$,
2 mM MgCl_2 , 0.2 U Taq Polymerase. Thermocycler conditions were as
follows: 94 degrees for 30 sec., 50 degrees for 30 sec., 72 degrees for 30 sec.
PCR was continued for 35 cycles followed by an additional extension at 72
degrees for 7 minutes. PCR resulted in a fragment of approximately ~750 base
25 pairs which was subcloned, named 12-5, and sequenced. Each end of this
fragment was formed to correspond to the *Arabidopsis* ESTs from which the
PCR primers were designed. The putative amino acid sequence of 12-5 was
compared to that of Ma524, and ESTs from human (W28140), mouse
(W53753), and *C. elegans* (R05219) (see Figure 4). Homology patterns with
30 the *Mortierella* $\Delta 6$ - desaturase indicate that these sequences represent putative

desaturase polypeptides. Based on this experiment approach, it is likely that the full-length genes can be cloned using probes based on the EST sequences. Following the cloning, the genes can then be placed into expression vectors, expressed in host cells, and their specific $\Delta 6$ - or other desaturase activity can be determined as described below.

Example 4

Isolation of a $\Delta 12$ -desaturase Nucleotide Sequence from *Mortierella alpina*

Based on the fatty acids it accumulates, it seemed probable that *Mortierella alpina* has an $\omega 6$ type desaturase. The $\omega 6$ -desaturase is responsible for the production of linoleic acid (18:2) from oleic acid (18:1). Linoleic acid (18:2) is a substrate for a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase. This experiment was designed to determine if *Mortierella alpina* has a $\Delta 12$ -desaturase polypeptide, and if so, to identify the corresponding nucleotide sequence.

A random colony from the *M. alpina* sequencing grade library, Ma648, was sequenced and identified as a putative desaturase based on DNA sequence homology to previously identified desaturases, as described for Ma524 (*see* Example 2). The nucleotide sequence is shown in SEQ ID NO:13. The peptide sequence is shown in SEQ ID NO:4. The deduced amino acid sequence from the 5' end of the Ma648 cDNA displays significant homology to soybean microsomal $\omega 6$ ($\Delta 12$) desaturase (accession #L43921) as well as castor bean oleate 12-hydroxylase (accession #U22378). In addition, homology was observed when compared to a variety of other $\omega 6$ ($\Delta 12$) and $\omega 3$ ($\Delta 15$) fatty acid desaturase sequences.

Example 5

Expression of *M. alpina* Desaturase Clones in Baker's Yeast

Yeast Transformation

Lithium acetate transformation of yeast was performed according to standard protocols (*Methods in Enzymology*, Vol. 194, p. 186-187, 1991). Briefly, yeast were grown in YPD at 30°C. Cells were spun down, resuspended in TE, spun down again, resuspended in TE containing 100 mM lithium acetate, spun down again, and resuspended in TE/lithium acetate. The resuspended yeast were incubated at 30°C for 60 minutes with shaking. Carrier DNA was added, and the yeast were aliquoted into tubes. Transforming DNA was added, and the tubes were incubated for 30 min. at 30°C. PEG solution (35% (w/v) PEG 4000, 100 mM lithium acetate, TE pH7.5) was added followed by a 50 min. incubation at 30°C. A 5 min. heat shock at 42°C was performed, the cells were pelleted, washed with TE, pelleted again and resuspended in TE. The resuspended cells were then plated on selective media.

Desaturase Expression in Transformed Yeast

cDNA clones from *Mortierella alpina* were screened for desaturase activity in baker's yeast. A canola $\Delta 15$ -desaturase (obtained by PCR using 1st strand cDNA from *Brassica napus* cultivar 212/86 seeds using primers based on the published sequence (Arondel *et al. Science* 258:1353-1355)) was used as a positive control. The $\Delta 15$ -desaturase gene and the gene from cDNA clones Ma524 and Ma648 were put in the expression vector pYES2 (Invitrogen), resulting in plasmids pCGR-2, pCGR-5 and pCGR-7, respectively. These plasmids were transfected into *S. cerevisiae* yeast strain 334 and expressed after induction with galactose and in the presence of substrates that allowed detection of specific desaturase activity. The control strain was *S. cerevisiae* strain 334 containing the unaltered pYES2 vector. The substrates used, the products produced and the indicated desaturase activity were: DGLA (conversion to ARA would indicate $\Delta 5$ -desaturase activity), linoleic acid (conversion to GLA

would indicate $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity; conversion to ALA would indicate $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity), oleic acid (an endogenous substrate made by *S. cerevisiae*, conversion to linoleic acid would indicate $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity, which *S. cerevisiae* lacks), or ARA (conversion to EPA would indicate $\Delta 17$ -desaturase activity).

Cultures were grown for 48-52 hours at 15°C in the presence of a particular substrate. Lipid fractions were extracted for analysis as follows: Cells were pelleted by centrifugation, washed once with sterile ddH₂O, and repelleted. Pellets were vortexed with methanol; chloroform was added along with tritridecanoin (as an internal standard). The mixtures were incubated for at least one hour at room temperature or at 4°C overnight. The chloroform layer was extracted and filtered through a Whatman filter with one gram of anhydrous sodium sulfate to remove particulates and residual water. The organic solvents were evaporated at 40°C under a stream of nitrogen. The extracted lipids were then derivatized to fatty acid methyl esters (FAME) for gas chromatography analysis (GC) by adding 2 ml of 0.5 N potassium hydroxide in methanol to a closed tube. The samples were heated to 95°C to 100°C for 30 minutes and cooled to room temperature. Approximately 2 ml of 14 % boron trifluoride in methanol was added and the heating repeated. After the extracted lipid mixture cooled, 2 ml of water and 1 ml of hexane were added to extract the FAME for analysis by GC. The percent conversion was calculated by dividing the product produced by the sum of (the product produced and the substrate added) and then multiplying by 100. To calculate the oleic acid percent conversion, as no substrate was added, the total linoleic acid produced was divided by the sum of oleic acid and linoleic acid produced, then multiplying by 100. The desaturase activity results are provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1***M. alpina* Desaturase Expression in Baker's Yeast**

CLONE	ENZYME ACTIVITY	% CONVERSION OF SUBSTRATE
pCGR-2	$\Delta 6$	0 (18:2 to 18:3w6)
(canola $\Delta 15$ desaturase)	$\Delta 15$	16.3 (18:2 to 18:3w3)
	$\Delta 5$	2.0 (20:3 to 20:4w6)
	$\Delta 17$	2.8 (20:4 to 20:5w3)
	$\Delta 12$	1.8 (18:1 to 18:2w6)
pCGR-5	$\Delta 6$	6.0
(M. alpina Ma524)	$\Delta 15$	0
	$\Delta 5$	2.1
	$\Delta 17$	0
	$\Delta 12$	3.3
pCGR-7	$\Delta 6$	0
(M. alpina Ma648)	$\Delta 15$	3.8
	$\Delta 5$	2.2
	$\Delta 17$	0
	$\Delta 12$	63.4

5 The $\Delta 15$ -desaturase control clone exhibited 16.3% conversion of the
 substrate. The pCGR-5 clone expressing the Ma524 cDNA showed 6%
 conversion of the substrate to GLA, indicating that the gene encodes a $\Delta 6$ -
 desaturase. The pCGR-7 clone expressing the Ma648 cDNA converted 63.4%
 conversion of the substrate to LA, indicating that the gene encodes a $\Delta 12$ -
 desaturase. The background (non-specific conversion of substrate) was between
 10 0-3% in these cases. We also found substrate inhibition of the activity by using
 different concentrations of the substrate. When substrate was added to 100 μ M,
 the percent conversion to product dropped compared to when substrate was added
 to 25 μ M (see below). Additionally, by varying the substrate concentration
 between 5 μ M and 200 μ M, conversion ratios were found to range between about

5% to about 75% greater. These data show that desaturases with different substrate specificities can be expressed in a heterologous system and used to produce poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acids.

Table 2 represents fatty acids of interest as a percent of the total lipid extracted from the yeast host *S. cerevisiae* 334 with the indicated plasmid. No glucose was present in the growth media. Affinity gas chromatography was used to separate the respective lipids. GC/MS was employed to verify the identity of the product(s). The expected product for the *B. napus* $\Delta 15$ -desaturase, α -linolenic acid, was detected when its substrate, linoleic acid, was added exogenously to the induced yeast culture. This finding demonstrates that yeast expression of a desaturase gene can produce functional enzyme and detectable amounts of product under the current growth conditions. Both exogenously added substrates were taken up by yeast, although slightly less of the longer chain PUFA, dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (20:3), was incorporated into yeast than linoleic acid (18:2) when either was added in free form to the induced yeast cultures. γ -linolenic acid was detected when linoleic acid was present during induction and expression of *S. cerevisiae* 334 (pCGR-5). The presence of this PUFA demonstrates $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity from pCGR-5 (MA524). Linoleic acid, identified in the extracted lipids from expression of *S. cerevisiae* 334 (pCGR-7), classifies the cDNA MA648 from *M. alpina* as the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase.

Table 2
Fatty Acid as a Percentage of Total Lipid Extracted from Yeast

Plasmid in Yeast (enzyme)	18:2 Incorporated	α -18:3 Produced	γ -18:3 Produced	20:3 Incorporated	20:4 Produced	18:1* Present	18:2 Produced
pYES2 (control)	66.9	0	0	58.4	0	4	0
pCGR-2 (Δ 15)	60.1	5.7	0	50.4	0	0.7	0
pCGR-5 (Δ 6)	62.4	0	4.0	49.9	0	2.4	0
pCGR-7 (Δ 12)	65.6	0	0	45.7	0	7.1	12.2

100 μ M substrate added

* 18:1 is an endogenous fatty acid in yeast

Key To Tables
 18:1=oleic acid
 18:2=linoleic acid
 α -18:3= α -linolenic acid
 γ -18:3= γ -linolenic acid
 18:4=stearidonic acid
 20:3=dihomo- γ -linolenic acid
 20:4=arachidonic acid

Example 6

Optimization of Culture Conditions

Table 3A shows the effect of exogenous free fatty acid substrate concentration on yeast uptake and conversion to fatty acid product as a percentage of the total yeast lipid extracted. In all instances, low amounts of exogenous substrate (1-10 μ M) resulted in low fatty acid substrate uptake and product formation. Between 25 and 50 μ M concentration of free fatty acid in the growth and induction media gave the highest percentage of fatty acid product formed, while the 100 μ M concentration and subsequent high uptake into yeast appeared to decrease or inhibit the desaturase activity. The amount of fatty acid substrate for yeast expressing Δ 12-desaturase was similar under the same growth conditions, since the substrate, oleic acid, is an endogenous yeast fatty acid. The use of α -linolenic acid as an additional substrate for pCGR-5 (Δ 6) produced the expected product, stearidonic acid (Table 3A). The feedback inhibition of high fatty acid substrate concentration was well illustrated when the percent conversion rates of the respective fatty acid substrates to their respective products were compared in Table 3B. In all cases, 100 μ M substrate concentration in the growth media decreased the percent conversion to product. The uptake of α -linolenic was comparable to other PUFAs added in free form, while the Δ 6-desaturase percent conversion, 3.8-17.5%, to the product stearidonic acid was the lowest of all the substrates examined (Table 3B). The effect of media, such as YPD (rich media) versus minimal media with glucose on the conversion rate of Δ 12-desaturase was dramatic. Not only did the conversion rate for oleic to linoleic acid drop, (Table 3B) but the percent of linoleic acid formed also decreased by 11% when rich media was used for growth and induction of yeast desaturase Δ 12 expression (Table 3A). The effect of media composition was also evident when glucose was present in the growth media for Δ 6-desaturase, since the percent of substrate uptake was decreased at 25 μ M (Table 3A). However, the conversion rate remained the

same and percent product formed decreased for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase for in the presence of glucose.

Table 3A

**5 Effect of Added Substrate on the Percentage of Incorporated
Substrate and Product Formed in Yeast Extracts**

Plasmid in Yeast	pCGR-2 ($\Delta 15$)	PcGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-7 ($\Delta 12$)
Substrate/product	18:2 / α -18:3	18:2/ γ -18:3	α -18:3/18:4	18:1*/18:2
1 μ M sub.	ND	0.9/0.7	ND	ND
10 μ M sub.	ND	4.2/2.4	10.4/2.2	ND
25 μ M sub.	ND	11/3.7	18.2/2.7	ND
25 μ M \emptyset sub.	36.6/7.2 \emptyset	25.1/10.3 \emptyset	ND	6.6/15.8 \emptyset
50 μ M sub.	53.1/6.5 \emptyset	ND	36.2/3	10.8/13 ⁺
100 μ M sub.	60.1/5.7 \emptyset	62.4/4 \emptyset	47.7/1.9	10/24.8

Table 3B

**Effect of Substrate Concentration in Media on the Percent Conversion
of Fatty Acid Substrate to Product in Yeast Extracts**

Plasmid in Yeast	pCGR-2 (Δ15)	pCGR-5 (Δ6)	pCGR-5 (Δ6)	pCGR-7 (Δ12)
substrate→product	18:2 →α-18:3	18:2→γ18:3	α-18:3→18:4	18:1*→18:2
1 μM sub.	ND	43.8	ND	ND
10 μM sub.	ND	36.4	17.5	ND
25 μM sub.	ND	25.2	12.9	ND
25 μM ^o sub.	16.4 ^o	29.1 ^o	ND	70.5 ^o
50 μM sub.	10.9 ^o	ND	7.7	54.6 ⁺
100 μM sub.	8.7 ^o	6 ^o	3.8	71.3

^o no glucose in media

⁺ Yeast peptone broth (YPD)

* 18:1 is an endogenous yeast lipid

sub. is substrate concentration

ND (not done)

Table 4 shows the amount of fatty acid produced by a recombinant desaturase from induced yeast cultures when different amounts of free fatty acid substrate were used. Fatty acid weight was determined since the total amount of lipid varied dramatically when the growth conditions were changed, such as the presence of glucose in the yeast growth and induction media. To better determine the conditions when the recombinant desaturase would produce the most PUFA product, the quantity of individual fatty acids were examined. The absence of glucose dramatically reduced by three fold the amount of linoleic acid produced by recombinant Δ12-desaturase. For the Δ12-desaturase the amount of total yeast lipid was decreased by almost half in the absence of glucose. Conversely, the presence of glucose in the yeast growth media for Δ6-desaturase drops the γ-linolenic acid produced by almost half, while the total amount of yeast lipid produced was not changed by the presence/absence of

glucose. This points to a possible role for glucose as a modulator of $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity.

Table 4

Fatty Acid Produced in μg from Yeast Extracts

Plasmid in Yeast (enzyme)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-7 ($\Delta 12$)
product	Y-18:3	18:4	18:2*
1 μM sub.	1.9	ND	ND
10 μM sub.	5.3	4.4	ND
25 μM sub.	10.3	8.7	115.7
25 μM \diamond sub.	29.6	ND	39 \diamond

\diamond no glucose in media

sub. is substrate concentration

ND (not done)

*18:1, the substrate, is an endogenous yeast lipid

Example 7

Distribution of PUFAs in Yeast Lipid Fractions

Table 5 illustrates the uptake of free fatty acids and their new products formed in yeast lipids as distributed in the major lipid fractions. A total lipid extract was prepared as described above. The lipid extract was separated on TLC plates, and the fractions were identified by comparison to standards. The bands were collected by scraping, and internal standards were added. The fractions were then saponified and methylated as above, and subjected to gas chromatography. The gas chromatograph calculated the amount of fatty acid by comparison to a standard. The phospholipid fraction contained the highest amount of substrate and product PUFAs for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity. It would appear that the substrates are accessible in the phospholipid form to the desaturases.

Table 5

Fatty Acid Distribution in Various Yeast Lipid Fractions in μg

Fatty acid fraction	Phospholipid	Diglyceride	Free Fatty Acid	Triglyceride	Cholesterol Ester
SC (pCGR-5) substrate 18:2	166.6	6.2	15	18.2	15.6
SC (pCGR-5) product γ -18:3	61.7	1.6	4.2	5.9	1.2

SC = *S. cerevisiae* (plasmid)

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Example 8

Further Culture Optimization and Coexpression of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases

This experiment was designed to evaluate the growth and induction conditions for optimal activities of desaturases in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. A *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain (SC334) capable of producing γ -linolenic acid (GLA) was developed, to assess the feasibility of production of PUFA in yeast.

10 The genes for $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases from *M. alpina* were coexpressed in SC334. Expression of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase converted oleic acid (present in yeast) to linoleic acid. The linoleic acid was used as a substrate by the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase to produce GLA. The quantity of GLA produced ranged between 5-8% of the

15 total fatty acids produced in SC334 cultures and the conversion rate of linoleic acid to γ -linolenic acid ranged between 30% to 50%. The induction temperature was optimized, and the effect of changing host strain and upstream promoter sequences on expression of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ (MA 524 and MA 648 respectively) desaturase genes was also determined.

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Plasmid Construction

The cloning of pCGR5 as well as pCGR7 has been discussed above. To construct pCGR9a and pCGR9b, the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were amplified using the following sets of primers. The primers pRDS1 and 3 had XhoI site and primers pRDS2 and 4 had XbaI site (indicated in bold). These primer sequences are presented as SEQ ID NO:15-18.

I. $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amplification primers

a. pRDS1 TAC CAA CTC GAG AAA ATG GCT GCT GCT CCC
AGT GTG AGG

b. pRDS2 AAC TGA TCT AGA TTA CTG CGC CTT ACC CAT
CTT GGA GGC

II. $\Delta 12$ -desaturase amplification primers

a. pRDS3 TAC CAA CTC GAG AAA ATG GCA CCT CCC
AAC ACT ATC GAT

b. pRDS4 AAC TGA TCT AGA TTA CTT CTT GAA AAA GAC
CAC GTC TCC

The pCGR5 and pCGR7 constructs were used as template DNA for amplification of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes, respectively. The amplified products were digested with XbaI and XhoI to create "sticky ends". The PCR amplified $\Delta 6$ -desaturase with XhoI-XbaI ends as cloned into pCGR7, which was also cut with XhoI-XbaI. This procedure placed the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase behind the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, under the control of an inducible promoter GAL1. This construct was designated pCGR9a. Similarly, to construct pCGR9b, the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase with XhoI-XbaI ends was cloned in the XhoI-XbaI sites of pCGR5. In pCGR9b the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase was behind the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene, away from the GAL promoter.

To construct pCGR10, the vector pRS425, which contains the constitutive Glyceraldehyde 3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase (GPD) promoter, was digested with BamHI and pCGR5 was digested with BamHI-XhoI to release the

$\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene. This $\Delta 6$ -desaturase fragment and BamHI cut pRS425 were filled using Klenow Polymerase to create blunt ends and ligated, resulting in pCGR10a and pCGR10b containing the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene in the sense and antisense orientation, respectively. To construct pCGR11 and pCGR12, the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were isolated from pCGR5 and pCGR7, respectively, using an EcoRI-XhoI double digest. The EcoRI-XhoI fragments of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases were cloned into the pYX242 vector digested with EcoRI-XhoI. The pYX242 vector has the promoter of TPI (a yeast housekeeping gene), which allows constitutive expression.

Yeast Transformation and Expression

Different combinations of pCGR5, pCGR7, pCGR9a, pCGR9b, pCGR10a, pCGR11 and pCGR12 were introduced into various host strains of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Transformation was done using PEG/LiAc protocol (Methods in Enzymology Vol. 194 (1991): 186-187). Transformants were selected by plating on synthetic media lacking the appropriate amino acid. The pCGR5, pCGR7, pCGR9a and pCGR9b can be selected on media lacking uracil. The pCGR10, pCGR11 and pCGR12 constructs can be selected on media lacking leucine. Growth of cultures and fatty acid analysis was performed as in Example 5 above.

Production of GLA

Production of GLA requires the expression of two enzymes (the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases), which are absent in yeast. To express these enzymes at optimum levels the following constructs or combinations of constructs, were introduced into various host strains:

- 1) pCGR9a/SC334
- 2) pCGR9b/SC334
- 3) pCGR10a and pCGR7/SC334
- 4) pCGR11 and pCGR7/SC334
- 5) pCGR12 and pCGR5/SC334

6) pCGR10a and pCGR7/DBY746

7) pCGR10a and pCGR7/DBY746

The pCGR9a construct has both the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes under the control of an inducible GAL promoter. The SC334 host cells transformed with this construct did not show any GLA accumulation in total fatty acids (Fig. 6A and B, lane 1). However, when the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were individually controlled by the GAL promoter, the control constructs were able to express $\Delta 6$ - and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, as evidenced by the conversion of their respective substrates to products. The $\Delta 12$ -desaturase gene in pCGR9a was expressed as evidenced by the conversion of 18:1 ω 9 to 18:2 ω 6 in pCGR9a/SC334, while the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene was not expressed/active, because the 18:2 ω 6 was not being converted to 18:3 ω 6 (Fig. 6A and B, lane 1).

The pCGR9b construct also had both the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes under the control of the GAL promoter but in an inverse order compared to pCGR9a. In this case, very little GLA (<1%) was seen in pCGR9b/SC334 cultures. The expression of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase was also very low, as evidenced by the low percentage of 18:2 ω 6 in the total fatty acids (Fig. 6A and B, lane 1).

To test if expressing both enzymes under the control of independent promoters would increase GLA production, the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene was cloned into the pRS425 vector. The construct of pCGR10a has the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase in the correct orientation, under control of constitutive GPD promoter. The pCGR10b has the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene in the inverse orientation, and serves as the negative control. The pCGR10a/SC334 cells produced significantly higher levels of GLA (5% of the total fatty acids, Fig. 6, lane 3), compared to pCGR9a. Both the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were expressed at high level because the conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 was 65%, while the conversion of 18:2 ω 6 \rightarrow 18:3 ω 6 ($\Delta 6$ -desaturase) was 30% (Fig. 6, lane 3). As expected, the negative control pCGR10b/SC334 did not show any GLA.

To further optimize GLA production, the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ genes were introduced into the pYX242 vector, creating pCGR11 and pCGR12

respectively. The pYX242 vector allows for constitutive expression by the TP1 promoter (Alber, T. and Kawasaki, G. (1982). *J. Mol. & Appl. Genetics* 1: 419). The introduction of pCGR11 and pCGR7 in SC334 resulted in approximately 8% of GLA in total fatty acids of SC334. The rate of conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 and 18:2 ω 6 \rightarrow 18:3 ω 6 was approximately 50% and 44% respectively (Fig. 6A and B, lane 4). The presence of pCGR12 and pCGR5 in SC334 resulted in 6.6% GLA in total fatty acids with a conversion rate of approximately 50% for both 18:1 ω 9 to 18:2 ω 6 and 18:2 ω 6 to 18:3 ω 6, respectively (Fig. 6A and B, lane 5). Thus although the quantity of GLA in total fatty acids was higher in the pCGR11/pCGR7 combination of constructs, the conversion rates of substrate to product were better for the pCGR12/pCGR5 combination.

To determine if changing host strain would increase GLA production, pCGR10a and pCGR7 were introduced into the host strain BJ1995 and DBY746 (obtained from the Yeast Genetic Stock Centre, 1021 Donner Laboratory, Berkeley, CA 94720. The genotype of strain DBY746 is *Mat α* , *his3- Δ 1*, *leu2-3*, *leu2-112*, *ura3-32*, *trp1-289*, *gal*). The results are shown in Fig. 7. Changing host strain to BJ1995 did not improve the GLA production, because the quantity of GLA was only 1.31% of total fatty acids and the conversion rate of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 was approximately 17% in BJ1995. No GLA was observed in DBY746 and the conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 was very low (<1% in control) suggesting that a cofactor required for the expression of Δ 12-desaturase might be missing in DB746 (Fig. 7, lane 2).

To determine the effect of temperature on GLA production, SC334 cultures containing pCGR10a and pCGR7 were grown at 15°C and 30°C. Higher levels of GLA were found in cultures grown and induced at 15°C than those in cultures grown at 30°C (4.23% vs. 1.68%). This was due to a lower conversion rate of 18:2 ω 6 \rightarrow 18:3 ω 6 at 30°C (11.6% vs. 29% in 15°C) cultures, despite a higher conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 (65% vs. 60% at 30°C (Fig. 8). These results suggest that Δ 12- and Δ 6-desaturases may have different optimal expression temperatures.

Of the various parameters examined in this study, temperature of growth, yeast host strain and media components had the most significant impact on the expression of desaturase, while timing of substrate addition and concentration of inducer did not significantly affect desaturase expression.

5 These data show that two DNAs encoding desaturases that can convert LA to GLA or oleic acid to LA can be isolated from *Mortierella alpina* and can be expressed, either individually or in combination, in a heterologous system and used to produce poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acids. Exemplified is the production of GLA from oleic acid by expression of $\Delta 12$ - and $\Delta 6$ -desaturases in
10 yeast.

Example 9

Identification of Homologues to *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ desaturases

A nucleic acid sequence that encodes a putative $\Delta 5$ desaturase was identified through a TBLASTN search of the expressed sequence tag databases
15 through NCBI using amino acids 100-446 of Ma29 as a query. The truncated portion of the Ma29 sequence was used to avoid picking up homologies based on the cytochrome b5 portion at the N-terminus of the desaturase. The deduced amino acid sequence of an est from *Dictyostelium discoideum* (accession # C25549) shows very significant homology to Ma29 and lesser, but still
20 significant homology to Ma524. The DNA sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:19. The amino acid sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:20.

Example 10

Identification of *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ homologues in other PUFA-producing organisms

25 To look for desaturases involved in PUFA production, a cDNA library was constructed from total RNA isolated from *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*. A plasmid-based cDNA library was constructed in pSPORT1 (GIBCO-BRL)

following manufacturer's instructions using a commercially available kit (GIBCO-BRL). Random cDNA clones were sequenced and nucleic acid sequences that encode putative $\Delta 5$ or $\Delta 6$ desaturases were identified through BLAST search of the databases and comparison to Ma29 and Ma524 sequences.

5 One clone was identified from the *Phaeodactylum* library with homology to Ma29 and Ma524; it is called 144-011-B12. The DNA sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:21. The amino acid sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:22.

Example 11

10 Identification of *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ homologues in other PUFA-producing organisms

To look for desaturases involved in PUFA production, a cDNA library was constructed from total RNA isolated from *Schizochytrium* species. A plasmid-based cDNA library was constructed in pSPORT1 (GIBCO-BRL) following manufacturer's instructions using a commercially available kit (GIBCO-BRL). Random cDNA clones were sequenced and nucleic acid sequences that encode putative $\Delta 5$ or $\Delta 6$ desaturases were identified through BLAST search of the databases and comparison to Ma29 and Ma524 sequences.

20 One clone was identified from the *Schizochytrium* library with homology to Ma29 and Ma524; it is called 81-23-C7. This clone contains a ~1 kb insert. Partial sequence was obtained from each end of the clone using the universal forward and reverse sequencing primers. The DNA sequence from the forward primer is presented as SEQ ID NO:23. The peptide sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:24. The DNA sequence from the reverse primer is presented as SEQ ID NO:25. The amino acid sequence from the reverse primer is presented as SEQ ID NO:26.

Example 12

Human Desaturase Gene Sequences

Human desaturase gene sequences potentially involved in long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis were isolated based on homology
5 between the human cDNA sequences and *Mortierella alpina* desaturase gene sequences. The three conserved "histidine boxes" known to be conserved among membrane-bound desaturases were found. As with some other membrane-bound desaturases the final HXXHH histidine box motif was found to be QXXHH. The amino acid sequence of the putative human desaturases
10 exhibited homology to *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$, $\Delta 6$, $\Delta 9$, and $\Delta 12$ desaturases.

The *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ desaturase and $\Delta 6$ desaturase cDNA sequences were used to search the LifeSeq database of Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Palo Alto, California 94304. The $\Delta 5$ desaturase sequence was divided into fragments; 1) amino acid no. 1-150, 2) amino acid no. 151-300, and 3) amino acid no. 301-
15 446. The $\Delta 6$ desaturase sequence was divided into three fragments; 1) amino acid no. 1-150, 2) amino acid no. 151-300, and 3) amino acid no. 301-457. These polypeptide fragments were searched against the database using the "tblastn" algorithm. This algorithm compares a protein query sequence against a nucleotide sequence database dynamically translated in all six reading frames
20 (both strands).

The polypeptide fragments 2 and 3 of *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ have homologies with the CloneID sequences as outlined in Table 6. The CloneID represents an individual sequence from the Incyte LifeSeq database. After the "tblastn" results have been reviewed, Clone Information was searched with the
25 default settings of Stringency of ≥ 50 , and Productscore ≤ 100 for different CloneID numbers. The Clone Information Results displayed the information including the ClusterID, CloneID, Library, HitID, Hit Description. When selected, the ClusterID number displayed the clone information of all the clones that belong in that ClusterID. The Assemble command assembles all of the
30 CloneID which comprise the ClusterID. The following default settings were

used for GCG (Genetics Computer Group, University of Wisconsin Biotechnology Center, Madison, Wisconsin 53705) Assembly:

	Word Size:	7
5	Minimum Overlap:	14
	Stringency:	0.8
	Minimum Identity:	14
	Maximum Gap:	10
	Gap Weight:	8
10	Length Weight:	2

GCG Assembly Results displayed the contigs generated on the basis of sequence information within the CloneID. A contig is an alignment of DNA sequences based on areas of homology among these sequences. A new
15 sequence (consensus sequence) was generated based on the aligned DNA sequences within a contig. The contig containing the CloneID was identified, and the ambiguous sites of the consensus sequence was edited based on the alignment of the CloneIDs (see SEQ ID NO:27 - SEQ ID NO:32) to generate the best possible sequence. The procedure was repeated for all six CloneID
20 listed in Table 6. This produced five unique contigs. The edited consensus sequences of the 5 contigs were imported into the Sequencher software program (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105). These consensus sequences were assembled. The contig 2511785 overlaps with contig 3506132, and this new contig was called 2535 (SEQ ID NO:33). The contigs from the
25 Sequencher program were copied into the Sequence Analysis software package of GCG.

Each contig was translated in all six reading frames into protein sequences. The *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ (MA29) and $\Delta 6$ (MA524) sequences were compared with each of the translated contigs using the FastA search (a Pearson

and Lipman search for similarity between a query sequence and a group of sequences of the same type (nucleic acid or protein)). Homology among these sequences suggest the open reading frames of each contig. The homology among the *M. alpina* Δ5 and Δ6 to contigs 2535 and 3854933 were utilized to create the final contig called 253538a. Figure 13 is the FastA match of the final contig 253538a and MA29, and Figure 14 is the FastA match of the final contig 253538a and MA524. The DNA sequences for the various contigs are presented in SEQ ID NO:27 -SEQ ID NO:33 The various peptide sequences are shown in SEQ ID NO:34 - SEQ ID NO: 40.

Although the open reading frame was generated by merging the two contigs, the contig 2535 shows that there is a unique sequence in the beginning of this contig which does not match with the contig 3854933. Therefore, it is possible that these contigs were generated from independent desaturase like human genes.

The contig 253538a contains an open reading frame encoding 432 amino acids. It starts with Gln (CAG) and ends with the stop codon (TGA). The contig 253538a aligns with both *M. alpina* Δ5 and Δ6 sequences, suggesting that it could be either of the desaturases, as well as other known desaturases which share homology with each other. The individual contigs listed in Table 18, as well as the intermediate contig 2535 and the final contig 253538a can be utilized to isolate the complete genes for human desaturases.

Uses of the human desaturases

These human sequences can be express in yeast and plants utilizing the procedures described in the preceding examples. For expression in mammalian cells transgenic animals, these genes may provide superior codon bias.

In addition, these sequences can be used to isolate related desaturase genes from other organisms.

Table 6

Sections of the Desaturases	Clone ID from LifeSeq Database	Keyword
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151-300 $\Delta 5$	3808675	fatty acid desaturase
301-446 $\Delta 5$	354535	$\Delta 6$
151-300 $\Delta 6$	3448789	$\Delta 6$
151-300 $\Delta 6$	1362863	$\Delta 6$
151-300 $\Delta 6$	2394760	$\Delta 6$
301-457 $\Delta 6$	3350263	$\Delta 6$

Example 13

I. INFANT FORMULATIONS

A. Isomil® Soy Formula with Iron.

5 Usage: As a beverage for infants, children and adults with an allergy or sensitivity to cow's milk. A feeding for patients with disorders for which lactose should be avoided: lactase deficiency, lactose intolerance and galactosemia.

Features:

- 10 • Soy protein isolate to avoid symptoms of cow's-milk-protein allergy or sensitivity
- Lactose-free formulation to avoid lactose-associated diarrhea
- Low osmolality (240 mOsm/kg water) to reduce risk of osmotic diarrhea.
- 15 • Dual carbohydrates (corn syrup and sucrose) designed to enhance carbohydrate absorption and reduce the risk of exceeding the absorptive capacity of the damaged gut.
- 1.8 mg of Iron (as ferrous sulfate) per 100 Calories to help prevent iron deficiency.
- 20 • Recommended levels of vitamins and minerals.
- Vegetable oils to provide recommended levels of essential fatty acids.
- Milk-white color, milk-like consistency and pleasant aroma.

Ingredients: (Pareve, ®) 85% water, 4.9% corn syrup, 2.6% sugar (sucrose), 2.1% soy oil, 1.9% soy protein isolate, 1.4% coconut oil, 0.15% calcium citrate, 0.11 % calcium phosphate tribasic, potassium citrate, potassium phosphate monobasic, potassium chloride, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, carrageenan, ascorbic acid, L-methionine, magnesium chloride, potassium phosphate dibasic, sodium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, L-carnitine, niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

B. Isomil® DF Soy Formula For Diarrhea.

Usage: As a short-term feeding for the dietary management of diarrhea in infants and toddlers.

Features:

- First infant formula to contain added dietary fiber from soy fiber specifically for diarrhea management.
- Clinically shown to reduce the duration of loose, watery stools during mild to severe diarrhea in infants.
- Nutritionally complete to meet the nutritional needs of the infant.
- Soy protein isolate with added L-methionine meets or exceeds an infant's requirement for all essential amino acids.
- Lactose-free formulation to avoid lactose-associated diarrhea.
- Low osmolality (240 mOsm/kg water) to reduce the risk of osmotic diarrhea.
- Dual carbohydrates (corn syrup and sucrose) designed to enhance carbohydrate absorption and reduce the risk of exceeding the absorptive capacity of the damaged gut.

- Meets or exceeds the vitamin and mineral levels recommended by the Committee on Nutrition of the American Academy of Pediatrics and required by the Infant Formula Act.

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- 1.8 mg of iron (as ferrous sulfate) per 100 Calories to help prevent iron deficiency.

- Vegetable oils to provide recommended levels of essential fatty acids.

10 Ingredients: (Pareve, ®) 86% water, 4.8% corn syrup, 2.5% sugar (sucrose), 2.1% soy oil, 2.0% soy protein isolate, 1.4% coconut oil, 0.77% soy fiber, 0.12% calcium citrate, 0.11 % calcium phosphate tribasic, 0.10% potassium citrate, potassium chloride, potassium phosphate monobasic, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, carrageenan, magnesium chloride, ascorbic acid, L-methionine, potassium phosphate dibasic, sodium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, L-
15 carnitine, niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

C. Isomil® SF Sucrose-Free Soy Formula With Iron.

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Usage: As a beverage for infants, children and adults with an allergy or sensitivity to cow's-milk protein or an intolerance to sucrose. A feeding for patients with disorders for which lactose and sucrose should be avoided.

Features:

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- Soy protein isolate to avoid symptoms of cow's-milk-protein allergy or sensitivity.
- Lactose-free formulation to avoid lactose-associated diarrhea (carbohydrate source is Polycose® Glucose Polymers).
- Sucrose free for the patient who cannot tolerate sucrose.

- Low osmolality (180 mOsm/kg water) to reduce risk of osmotic diarrhea.

- 1.8 mg of iron (as ferrous sulfate) per 100 Calories to help prevent iron deficiency.

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- Recommended levels of vitamins and minerals.

- Vegetable oils to provide recommended levels of essential fatty acids.

- Milk-white color, milk-like consistency and pleasant aroma.

10 Ingredients: (Pareve, ©) 75% water, 11.8% hydrolyzed cornstarch, 4.1%
soy oil, 4.1% soy protein isolate, 2.8% coconut oil, 1.0% modified cornstarch,
0.38% calcium phosphate tribasic, 0.17% potassium citrate, 0.13% potassium
chloride, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, magnesium chloride, ascorbic
acid, L-methionine, calcium carbonate, sodium chloride, choline chloride,
15 carrageenan, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc
sulfate, L-carnitine, niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin
A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine
hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone,
biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

20 **D. Isomil® 20 Soy Formula With Iron Ready To Feed,
20 Cal/fl oz.**

Usage: When a soy feeding is desired.

25 Ingredients: (Pareve, ©) 85% water, 4.9% corn syrup, 2.6% sugar
(sucrose), 2.1% soy oil, 1.9% soy protein isolate, 1.4% coconut oil, 0.15%
calcium citrate, 0.11% calcium phosphate tribasic, potassium citrate, potassium
phosphate monobasic, potassium chloride, mono- and diglycerides, soy
lecithin, carrageenan, ascorbic acid, L-methionine, magnesium chloride,
potassium phosphate dibasic, sodium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, ferrous
sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, L-carnitine,
niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate,
30 thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic

acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

E. Similac® Infant Formula

5 Usage: When an infant formula is needed: if the decision is made to discontinue breastfeeding before age 1 year, if a supplement to breastfeeding is needed or as a routine feeding if breastfeeding is not adopted.

Features:

- 10 • Protein of appropriate quality and quantity for good growth; heat-denatured, which reduces the risk of milk-associated enteric blood loss.
- Fat from a blend of vegetable oils (doubly homogenized), providing essential linoleic acid that is easily absorbed.
- Carbohydrate as lactose in proportion similar to that of human milk.
- 15 • Low renal solute load to minimize stress on developing organs.
- Powder, Concentrated Liquid and Ready To Feed forms.

Ingredients: (®-D) Water, nonfat milk, lactose, soy oil, coconut oil, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, ascorbic acid, carrageenan, choline chloride, taurine, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, niacinamid, 20 ferrous sulfate, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

F. Similac® NeoCare Premature Infant Formula With Iron

25 Usage: For premature infants' special nutritional needs after hospital discharge. Similac NeoCare is a nutritionally complete formula developed to provide premature infants with extra calories, protein, vitamins and minerals needed to promote catch-up growth and support development.

Features:

- Reduces the need for caloric and vitamin supplementation. More calories (22 Cal/fl oz) than standard term formulas (20 Cal/fl oz).
- Highly absorbed fat blend, with medium-chain triglycerides (MCT oil) to help meet the special digestive needs of premature infants.
- 5 • Higher levels of protein, vitamins and minerals per 100 Calories to extend the nutritional support initiated in-hospital.
- More calcium and phosphorus for improved bone mineralization.

Ingredients: ©-D Corn syrup solids, nonfat milk, lactose, whey protein concentrate, soy oil, high-oleic safflower oil, fractionated coconut oil (medium-chain triglycerides), coconut oil, potassium citrate, calcium phosphate tribasic, 10 calcium carbonate, ascorbic acid, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride, sodium chloride, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, choline chloride, ascorbyl palmitate, L-carnitine, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, niacinamide, mixed tocopherols, sodium citrate, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, 15 thiamine chloride hydrochloride, vitamin A palmitate, beta carotene, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

G. Similac Natural Care Low-Iron Human Milk Fortifier Ready To Use, 24 Cal/fl oz.

20 Usage: Designed to be mixed with human milk or to be fed alternatively with human milk to low-birth-weight infants.

Ingredients: ©-D Water, nonfat milk, hydrolyzed cornstarch, lactose, fractionated coconut oil (medium-chain triglycerides), whey protein concentrate, soy oil, coconut oil, calcium phosphate tribasic, potassium citrate, 25 magnesium chloride, sodium citrate, ascorbic acid, calcium carbonate, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, carrageenan, choline chloride, m-inositol, taurine, niacinamide, L-carnitine, alpha tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, potassium chloride, calcium pantothenate, ferrous sulfate, cupric sulfate, riboflavin, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, pyridoxine

hydrochloride, biotin, folic acid, manganese sulfate, phylloquinone, vitamin D₃, sodium selenite and cyanocobalamin.

Various PUFAs of this invention can be substituted and/or added to the infant formulae described above and to other infant formulae known to those in the art..

II. NUTRITIONAL FORMULATIONS

A. ENSURE®

Usage: ENSURE is a low-residue liquid food designed primarily as an oral nutritional supplement to be used with or between meals or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets. Although it is primarily an oral supplement, it can be fed by tube.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients on modified diets
- For elderly patients at nutrition risk
- For patients with involuntary weight loss
- For patients recovering from illness or surgery
- For patients who need a low-residue diet

Ingredients:

®-D Water, Sugar (Sucrose), Maltodextrin (Corn), Calcium and Sodium Caseinates, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Soy Protein Isolate, Soy Oil, Canola Oil, Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Sodium Citrate, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Phosphate Dibasic, Artificial Flavor, Sodium Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Carrageenan, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Gellan Gum, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Folic Acid, Sodium Molybdate, Chromium Chloride, Biotin, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate.

B. ENSURE® BARS

Usage: ENSURE BARS are complete, balanced nutrition for supplemental use between or with meals. They provide a delicious, nutrient-rich alternative to other snacks. ENSURE BARS contain <1 g lactose/bar, and Chocolate Fudge Brownie flavor is gluten-free. (Honey Graham Crunch flavor contains gluten.)

Patient Conditions:

- For patients who need extra calories, protein, vitamins and minerals
- Especially useful for people who do not take in enough calories and nutrients
- For people who have the ability to chew and swallow
- Not to be used by anyone with a peanut allergy or any type of allergy to nuts.

Ingredients:

Honey Graham Crunch -- High-Fructose Corn Syrup, Soy Protein Isolate, Brown Sugar, Honey, Maltodextrin (Corn), Crisp Rice (Milled Rice, Sugar [Sucrose], Salt [Sodium Chloride] and Malt), Oat Bran, Partially Hydrogenated Cottonseed and Soy Oils, Soy Polysaccharide, Glycerine, Whey Protein Concentrate, Polydextrose, Fructose, Calcium Caseinate, Cocoa Powder, Artificial Flavors, Canola Oil, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Nonfat Dry Milk, Whey Powder, Soy Lecithin and Corn Oil. Manufactured in a facility that processes nuts.

Vitamins and Minerals:

Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Potassium Phosphate Dibasic, Magnesium Oxide, Salt (Sodium Chloride), Potassium Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Ferric Orthophosphate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Zinc Oxide, Calcium Pantothenate, Copper Gluconate, Manganese Sulfate, Riboflavin, Beta-Carotene, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Thiamine Mononitrate, Folic Acid, Biotin,

Chromium Chloride, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Sodium Molybdate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein:

5 **Honey Graham Crunch** - The protein source is a blend of soy protein isolate and milk proteins.

Soy protein isolate	74%
Milk proteins	26%

Fat:

10 **Honey Graham Crunch** - The fat source is a blend of partially hydrogenated cottonseed and soybean, canola, high oleic safflower, and corn oils, and soy lecithin.

Partially hydrogenated cottonseed and soybean oil	76%
Canola oil	8%
High-oleic safflower oil	8%
15 Corn oil	4%
Soy lecithin	4%

Carbohydrate:

20 **Honey Graham Crunch** - The carbohydrate source is a combination of high-fructose corn syrup, brown sugar, maltodextrin, honey, crisp rice, glycerine, soy polysaccharide, and oat bran.

High-fructose corn syrup	24%
Brown sugar	21%
Maltodextrin	12%
Honey	11%
25 Crisp rice	9%
Glycerine	9%
Soy polysaccharide	7%
Oat bran	7%\

C. ENSURE® HIGH PROTEIN

Usage: ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN is a concentrated, high-protein liquid food designed for people who require additional calories, protein, vitamins, and minerals in their diets. It can be used as an oral nutritional supplement with or between meals or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use by people recovering from general surgery or hip fractures and by patients at risk for pressure ulcers.

Patient Conditions

- For patients who require additional calories, protein, vitamins, and minerals, such as patients recovering from general surgery or hip fractures, patients at risk for pressure ulcers, and patients on low-cholesterol diets

Features-

- Low in saturated fat
- Contains 6 g of total fat and < 5 mg of cholesterol per serving
- Rich, creamy taste
- Excellent source of protein, calcium, and other essential vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose-free, easily digested

Ingredients:

Vanilla Supreme: -D Water, Sugar (Sucrose), Maltodextrin (Corn), Calcium and Sodium Caseinates, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Soy Protein Isolate, Soy Oil, Canola Oil, Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Sodium Citrate, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Phosphate Dibasic, Artificial Flavor, Sodium Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Carrageenan, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Gellan Gum, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride,

Riboflavin, Folic Acid, Sodium Molybdate, Chromium Chloride, Biotin, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D3 and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein:

- 5 The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins: casein and soy.

Sodium and calcium caseinates	85%
Soy protein isolate	15%

Fat:

- 10 The fat source is a blend of three oils: high-oleic safflower, canola, and soy.

High-oleic safflower oil	40%
Canola oil	30%
Soy oil	30%

- 15 The level of fat in ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN meets American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. The 6 grams of fat in ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN represent 24% of the total calories, with 2.6% of the fat being from saturated fatty acids and 7.9% from polyunsaturated fatty acids. These values are within the AHA guidelines of $\leq 30\%$ of total calories from fat, $< 10\%$ of the calories from saturated fatty acids, and $\leq 10\%$ of total calories from
- 20 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

Carbohydrate:

- ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla supreme, chocolate royal, wild berry, and banana), plus VARI-FLAVORSO® Flavor Pacs in pecan,
- 25 cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

Sucrose	60%
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Maltodextrin	40%
Chocolate	
Sucrose	70%
Maltodextrin	30%

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D. ENSURE® LIGHT

Usage: ENSURE LIGHT is a low-fat liquid food designed for use as an oral nutritional supplement with or between meals. ENSURE LIGHT is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets.

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Patient Conditions:

- For normal-weight or overweight patients who need extra nutrition in a supplement that contains 50% less fat and 20% fewer calories than ENSURE
- For healthy adults who don't eat right and need extra nutrition

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Features:

- Low in fat and saturated fat
- Contains 3 g of total fat per serving and < 5 mg cholesterol
- Rich, creamy taste
- Excellent source of calcium and other essential vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose-free, easily digested

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Ingredients:

French Vanilla: ®-D Water, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sugar (Sucrose), Calcium Caseinate, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Canola Oil, Magnesium Chloride, Sodium Citrate, Potassium Citrate, Potassium Phosphate Dibasic, Magnesium Phosphate Dibasic, Natural and Artificial Flavor, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Cellulose Gel, Choline Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Carrageenan, Salt (Sodium Chloride),

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Ascorbic Acid, Cellulose Gum, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Zinc Sulfate, Niacinamide, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Pantothenate, Cupric Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Vitamin A Palmitate, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Chromium Chloride, Folic Acid, Sodium Molybdate, Biotin, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein:

The protein source is calcium caseinate.

Calcium caseinate	100%
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10 Fat

The fat source is a blend of two oils: high-oleic safflower and canola.

High-oleic safflower oil	70%
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Canola oil	30%
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The level of fat in ENSURE LIGHT meets American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. The 3 grams of fat in ENSURE LIGHT represent 13.5% of the total calories, with 1.4% of the fat being from saturated fatty acids and 2.6% from polyunsaturated fatty acids. These values are within the AHA guidelines of $\leq 30\%$ of total calories from fat, $< 10\%$ of the calories from saturated fatty acids, and $\leq 10\%$ of total calories from polyunsaturated fatty acids.

20 Carbohydrate

ENSURE LIGHT contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The chocolate flavor contains corn syrup as well. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (French vanilla, chocolate supreme, strawberry swirl), plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

Sucrose	51%
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Maltodextrin	49%
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Chocolate

Sucrose	47.0%
Corn Syrup	26.5%
Maltodextrin	26.5%

5 Vitamins and Minerals

An 8-fl-oz serving of ENSURE LIGHT provides at least 25% of the RDIs for 24 key vitamins and minerals.

Caffeine

Chocolate flavor contains 2.1 mg caffeine/8 fl oz.

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E. ENSURE PLUS®

Usage: ENSURE PLUS is a high-calorie, low-residue liquid food for use when extra calories and nutrients, but a normal concentration of protein, are needed. It is designed primarily as an oral nutritional supplement to be used with or between meals or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE PLUS is lactose- and gluten-free. Although it is primarily an oral nutritional supplement, it can be fed by tube.

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Patient Conditions:

- For patients who require extra calories and nutrients, but a normal concentration of protein, in a limited volume
- For patients who need to gain or maintain healthy weight

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Features

- Rich, creamy taste
- Good source of essential vitamins and minerals

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Ingredients

Vanilla: ®-D Water, Corn Syrup, Maltodextrin (Corn), Corn Oil, Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Sugar (Sucrose), Soy Protein Isolate, Magnesium Chloride,

5 Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Soy Lecithin, Natural and Artificial Flavor, Sodium Citrate, Potassium Chloride, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Carrageenan, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Vitamin A Palmitate, Folic Acid, Biotin, Chromium Chloride, Sodium Molybdate, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Phylloquinone, Cyanocobalamin and Vitamin D₃.

Protein

10 The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins: casein and soy.

Sodium and calcium caseinates	84%
Soy protein isolate	16%

Fat

15 The fat source is corn oil.

Corn oil	100%
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Carbohydrate

20 ENSURE PLUS contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, coffee, butter pecan, and eggnog), plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla, strawberry, butter pecan, and coffee flavors

25	Corn Syrup	39%
	Maltodextrin	38%
	Sucrose	23%

Chocolate and eggnog flavors

Corn Syrup	36%
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Maltodextrin 34%

Sucrose 30%

Vitamins and Minerals

5 An 8-fl-oz serving of ENSURE PLUS provides at least 15% of the RDIs for 25 key Vitamins and minerals.

Caffeine

Chocolate flavor contains 3.1 mg Caffeine/8 fl oz. Coffee flavor contains a trace amount of caffeine.

10 **F. ENSURE PLUS® HN**

Usage: ENSURE PLUS HN is a nutritionally complete high-calorie, high-nitrogen liquid food designed for people with higher calorie and protein needs or limited volume tolerance. It may be used for oral supplementation or for total nutritional support by tube. ENSURE PLUS HN is lactose- and gluten-free.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients with increased calorie and protein needs, such as following surgery or injury
- For patients with limited volume tolerance and early satiety

20 **Features**

- For supplemental or total nutrition
- For oral or tube feeding
- 1.5 CaVmL
- High nitrogen
- 25 • Calorically dense

Ingredients

Vanilla: D-Water, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Corn Oil, Sugar (Sucrose), Soy Protein Isolate, Magnesium Chloride, Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Soy Lecithin, Natural and Artificial Flavor, Sodium Citrate, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Taurine, L-Carnitine, 5 Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Carrageenan, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Vitamin A Palmitate, Folic Acid, Biotin, Chromium Chloride, Sodium Molybdate, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Phylloquinone, 10 Cyanocobalamin and Vitamin D₃.

G. ENSURE® POWDER

Usage: ENSURE POWDER (reconstituted with water) is a low-residue liquid food designed primarily as an oral nutritional supplement to be used with 15 or between meals. ENSURE POWDER is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients on modified diets
- For elderly patients at nutrition risk
- 20 • For patients recovering from illness/surgery
- For patients who need a low-residue diet

Features

- Convenient, easy to mix
- Low in saturated fat
- 25 • Contains 9 g of total fat and < 5 mg of cholesterol per serving
- High in vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose-free, easily digested

Ingredients: ©-D Corn Syrup, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sugar (Sucrose), Corn Oil, Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Soy Protein Isolate, Artificial Flavor, Potassium Citrate, Magnesium Chloride, Sodium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Potassium Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Ascorbic Acid, Choline Chloride, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Cupric Sulfate, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Vitamin A Palmitate, Folic Acid, Biotin, Sodium Molybdate, Chromium Chloride, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein

The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins: casein and soy.

Sodium and calcium caseinates	84%
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Soy protein isolate	16%
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Fat

The fat source is corn oil.

Corn oil	100%
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Carbohydrate

ENSURE POWDER contains a combination of corn syrup, maltodextrin, and sucrose. The mild sweetness of ENSURE POWDER, plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, helps to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla

Corn Syrup	35%
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Maltodextrin	35%
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Sucrose	30%
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H. ENSURE® PUDDING

Usage: ENSURE PUDDING is a nutrient-dense supplement providing balanced nutrition in a nonliquid form to be used with or between meals. It is appropriate for consistency-modified diets (e.g., soft, pureed, or full liquid) or for people with swallowing impairments. ENSURE PUDDING is gluten-free.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients on consistency-modified diets (e.g., soft, pureed, or full liquid)
- For patients with swallowing impairments

Features

- Rich and creamy, good taste
- Good source of essential vitamins and minerals Convenient-needs no refrigeration
- Gluten-free

Nutrient Profile per 5 oz: Calories 250, Protein 10.9%, Total Fat 34.9%, Carbohydrate 54.2%

Ingredients:

Vanilla: ©-D Nonfat Milk, Water, Sugar (Sucrose), Partially Hydrogenated Soybean Oil, Modified Food Starch, Magnesium Sulfate. Sodium Stearoyl Lactylate, Sodium Phosphate Dibasic, Artificial Flavor, Ascorbic Acid, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Choline Chloride, Niacinamide, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Pantothenate, FD&C Yellow #5, Potassium Citrate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, FD&C Yellow #6, Folic Acid, Biotin, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D3 and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein

The protein source is nonfat milk.

Nonfat milk

100%

Fat

The fat source is hydrogenated soybean oil.

Hydrogenated soybean oil	100%
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Carbohydrate

5 ENSURE PUDDING contains a combination of sucrose and modified food starch. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla, chocolate, butterscotch, and tapioca) help prevent flavor fatigue. The product contains 9.2 grams of lactose per serving.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

10	Sucrose	56%
	Lactose	27%
	Modified food starch	17%

Chocolate

	Sucrose	58%
15	Lactose	26%
	Modified food starch	16%

I. ENSURE® WITH FIBER

20 Usage: ENSURE WITH FIBER is a fiber-containing, nutritionally complete liquid food designed for people who can benefit from increased dietary fiber and nutrients. ENSURE WITH FIBER is suitable for people who do not require a low-residue diet. It can be fed orally or by tube, and can be used as a nutritional supplement to a regular diet or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE WITH FIBER is lactose- and gluten-free, and is

25 suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets.

Patient Conditions

- For patients who can benefit from increased dietary fiber and nutrients

Features

- New advanced formula-low in saturated fat, higher in vitamins and minerals
- Contains 6 g of total fat and < 5 mg of cholesterol per serving
- Rich, creamy taste
- 5 • Good source of fiber
- Excellent source of essential vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose- and gluten-free

Ingredients

- 10 **Vanilla:** ®-D Water, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sugar (Sucrose), Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Oat Fiber, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Canola Oil, Soy Protein Isolate, Corn Oil, Soy Fiber, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Magnesium Chloride, Potassium Citrate, Cellulose Gel, Soy Lecithin, Potassium Phosphate Dibasic, Sodium Citrate, Natural and Artificial Flavors, Choline Chloride,
- 15 Magnesium Phosphate, Ascorbic Acid, Cellulose Gum, Potassium Chloride, Carrageenan, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Zinc Sulfate, Niacinamide, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Pantothenate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Folic Acid, Chromium Chloride, Biotin, Sodium
- 20 Molybdate, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein

The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins- casein and soy.

25	Sodium and calcium caseinates	80%
	Soy protein isolate	20%

Fat

The fat source is a blend of three oils: high-oleic safflower, canola, and corn.

	High-oleic safflower oil	40%
5	Canola oil	40%
	Corn oil	20%

The level of fat in ENSURE WITH FIBER meets American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. The 6 grams of fat in ENSURE WITH FIBER represent 22% of the total calories, with 2.01 % of the fat being from saturated fatty acids and 6.7% from polyunsaturated fatty acids. These values are within the AHA guidelines of $\leq 30\%$ of total calories from fat, $< 10\%$ of the calories from saturated fatty acids, and $\leq 10\%$ of total calories from polyunsaturated fatty acids.

Carbohydrate

ENSURE WITH FIBER contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla, chocolate, and butter pecan), plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

20	Maltodextrin	66%
	Sucrose	25%
	Oat Fiber	7%
	Soy Fiber	2%

Chocolate

25	Maltodextrin	55%
	Sucrose	36%
	Oat Fiber	7%

Soy Fiber

2%

Fiber

The fiber blend used in ENSURE WITH FIBER consists of oat fiber and soy polysaccharide. This blend results in approximately 4 grams of total dietary fiber per 8-fl-oz can. The ratio of insoluble to soluble fiber is 95:5.

The various nutritional supplements described above and known to others of skill in the art can be substituted and/or supplemented with the PUFAs of this invention.

J. Oxepa™ Nutritional Product

Oxepa is low-carbohydrate, calorically dense enteral nutritional product designed for the dietary management of patients with or at risk for ARDS. It has a unique combination of ingredients, including a patented oil blend containing eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA from fish oil), γ -linolenic acid (GLA from borage oil), and elevated antioxidant levels.

Caloric Distribution:

- Caloric density is high at 1.5 Cal/mL (355 Cal/8 fl oz), to minimize the volume required to meet energy needs.
- The distribution of Calories in Oxepa is shown in Table 7.

Table 7. Caloric Distribution of Oxepa			
	per 8 fl oz.	per liter	% of Cal
Calories	355	1,500	---
Fat (g)	22.2	93.7	55.2
Carbohydrate (g)	25	105.5	28.1
Protein (g)	14.8	62.5	16.7
Water (g)	186	785	---

Fat:

- Oxepa contains 22.2 g of fat per 8-fl oz serving (93.7 g/L).
- The fat source is a oil blend of 31.8% canola oil, 25% medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs), 20% borage oil, 20% fish oil, and 3.2 % soy lecithin. The typical fatty acid profile of Oxepa is shown in Table 8.

- Oxepa provides a balanced amount of polyunsaturated, monounsaturated, and saturated fatty acids, as shown in Table 10.

- Medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs) -- 25% of the fat blend -- aid gastric emptying because they are absorbed by the intestinal tract without emulsification by bile acids.

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The various fatty acid components of Oxepa™ nutritional product can be substituted and/or supplemented with the PUFAs of this invention.

Table 8. Typical Fatty Acid Profile			
	% Total Fatty Acids	g/8 fl oz*	g/L*
Caproic (6:0)	0.2	0.04	0.18
Caprylic (8:0)	14.69	3.1	13.07
Capric (10:0)	11.06	2.33	9.87
Palmitic (16:0)	5.59	1.18	4.98
Palmitoleic (16:1n-7)	1.82	0.38	1.62
Stearic (18:0)	1.84	0.39	1.64
Oleic (18:1n-9)	24.44	5.16	21.75
Linoleic (18:2n-6)	16.28	3.44	14.49
α-Linolenic (18:3n-3)	3.47	0.73	3.09
γ-Linolenic (18:3n-6)	4.82	1.02	4.29
Eicosapentaenoic (20:5n-3)	5.11	1.08	4.55
n-3-Docosapentaenoic (22:5n-3)	0.55	0.12	0.49
Docosahexaenoic (22:6n-3)	2.27	0.48	2.02
Others	7.55	1.52	6.72

* Fatty acids equal approximately 95% of total fat.

Table 9. Fat Profile of Oxepa.	
% of total calories from fat	55.2
Polyunsaturated fatty acids	31.44 g/L
Monounsaturated fatty acids	25.53 g/L
Saturated fatty acids	32.38 g/L
n-6 to n-3 ratio	1.75:1
Cholesterol	9.49 mg/8 fl oz 40.1 mg/L

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Carbohydrate:

- The carbohydrate content is 25.0 g per 8-fl-oz serving (105.5 g/L).
- The carbohydrate sources are 45% maltodextrin (a complex carbohydrate) and 55% sucrose (a simple sugar), both of which are readily digested and absorbed.
- The high-fat and low-carbohydrate content of Oxepa is designed to minimize carbon dioxide (CO₂) production. High CO₂ levels can complicate weaning in ventilator-dependent patients. The low level of carbohydrate also may be useful for those patients who have developed stress-induced hyperglycemia.
- Oxepa is lactose-free.

Dietary carbohydrate, the amino acids from protein, and the glycerol moiety of fats can be converted to glucose within the body. Throughout this process, the carbohydrate requirements of glucose-dependent tissues (such as the central nervous system and red blood cells) are met. However, a diet free of carbohydrates can lead to ketosis, excessive catabolism of tissue protein, and loss of fluid and electrolytes. These effects can be prevented by daily ingestion of 50 to 100 g of digestible carbohydrate, if caloric intake is adequate. The carbohydrate level in Oxepa is also sufficient to minimize gluconeogenesis, if energy needs are being met.

Protein:

- Oxepa contains 14.8 g of protein per 8-fl-oz serving (62.5 g/L).
- The total calorie/nitrogen ratio (150:1) meets the need of stressed patients.
- Oxepa provides enough protein to promote anabolism and the maintenance of lean body mass without precipitating respiratory problems. High protein intakes are a concern in patients with respiratory insufficiency. Although protein has little effect on CO₂ production, a high protein diet will increase ventilatory drive.

- The protein sources of Oxepa are 86.8% sodium caseinate and 13.2% calcium caseinate.
- As demonstrated in Table 11, the amino acid profile of the protein system in Oxepa meets or surpasses the standard for high quality protein set by theNational Academy of Sciences.
- Oxepa is gluten-free.

10 All publications and patent applications mentioned in this specification are indicative of the level of skill of those skilled in the art to which this invention pertains. All publications and patent applications are herein incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each individual publication or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference.

15 The invention now being fully described, it will be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that many changes and modifications can be made thereto without departing from the spirit or scope of the appended claims.

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 1617 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
55 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:1:

CGACACTCCT TCCTTCTTCT CACCCGTCCT AGTCCCCTTC AACCCCCCTC TTTGACAAAG

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	ACAACAAACC ATGGCTGCTG CTCCCAGTGT GAGGACGTTT ACTCGGGCCG AGGTTTTGAA	120
5	TGCCGAGGCT CTGAATGAGG GCAAGAAGGA TGCCGAGGCA CCCTTCTTGA TGATCATCGA	180
	CAACAAGGTG TACGATGTCC GCGAGTTCGT CCCTGATCAT CCCGGTGGAA GTGTGATTCT	240
	CACGCACGTT GGCAAGGACG GCACTGACGT CTTTGACACT TTTCACCCCG AGGCTGCTTG	300
10	GGAGACTCTT GCCAACTTTT ACGTTGGTGA TATTGACGAG AGCGACCGCG ATATCAAGAA	360
	TGATGACTTT GCGGCCGAGG TCCGCAAGCT GCGTACCTTG TTCCAGTCTC TTGGTTACTA	420
15	CGATTCTTCC AAGGCATACT ACGCCTTCAA GGTCTCGTTC AACCTCTGCA TCTGGGGTTT	480
	GTCGACGGTC ATTGTGGCCA AGTGGGGCCA GACCTCGACC CTCGCCAACG TGCTCTCGGC	540
	TGCGCTTTTG GGTCTGTTCT GGCAGCAGTG CGGATGGTTG GCTCAGACT TTTTGCATCA	600
20	CCAGGTCTTC CAGGACCGTT TCTGGGGTGA TCTTTTCGGC GCCTTCTTGG GAGGTGTCTG	660
	CCAGGGCTTC TCGTCCTCGT GGTGGAAGGA CAAGCACAACT ACTCACCACG CCGCCCCCAA	720
25	CGTCCACGGC GAGGATCCCG ACATTGACAC CCACCCTCTG TTGACCTGGA GTGAGCATGC	780
	GTTGGAGATG TTCTCGGATG TCCCAGATGA GGAGCTGACC CGCATGTGGT CGCGTTTCAT	840
	GGTCCTGAAC CAGACCTGGT TTTACTTCCC CATTCTCTCG TTTGCCCGTC TCTCTGGTG	900
30	CCTCCAGTCC ATTCTCTTTG TGCTGCCTAA CGGTACAGGC CACAAGCCCT CGGGCGCGCG	960
	TGTGCCCATC TCGTTGGTCG AGCAGCTGTC GCTTGCGATG CACTGGACCT GGTACCTCGC	1020
35	CACCATGTTT CTGTTTCATCA AGGATCCCGT CAACATGCTG GTGTACTTTT TGGTGTGCGA	1080
	GGCGGTGTGC GGAAACTTGT TGGCGATCGT GTTCTCGCTC AACCACAACG GTATGCCTGT	1140
	GATCTCGAAG GAGGAGGCGG TCGATATGGA TTTCTTCACG AAGCAGATCA TCACGGGTCG	1200
40	TGATGTCCAC CCGGTCTAT TTGCCAACTG GTTCACGGGT GGATTGAACT ATCAGATCGA	1260
	GCACCACTTG TTCCCTTCGA TGCCTCGCCA CAACTTTTCA AAGATCCAGC CTGCTGTGCA	1320
45	GACCCTGTGC AAAAAGTACA ATGTCCGATA CCACACCACC GGTATGATCG AGGGAAGTGC	1380
	AGAGGTCTTT AGCCGTCTGA ACGAGGTCTC CAAGGCTGCC TCCAAGATGG GTAAGGCGCA	1440
	GTAACAAAAA AAACAAGGAC GTTTTTTTTC GCCAGTGCCT GTGCCTGTGC CTGCTTCCCT	1500
50	TGTCAAGTCG AGCGTTTCTG GAAAGGATCG TTCAGTGCAG TATCATCATT CTCCTTTTAC	1560
	CCCCCGCTCA TATCTCATTC ATTTCTCTTA TTAAACAACT TGTTCCCCC TTCACCG	1617

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 457 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

5 Met Ala Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Arg Thr Phe Thr Arg Ala Glu Val Leu
1 5 10 15
Asn Ala Glu Ala Leu Asn Glu Gly Lys Lys Asp Ala Glu Ala Pro Phe
20 25 30
10 Leu Met Ile Ile Asp Asn Lys Val Tyr Asp Val Arg Glu Phe Val Pro
35 40 45
Asp His Pro Gly Gly Ser Val Ile Leu Thr His Val Gly Lys Asp Gly
50 55 60
15 Thr Asp Val Phe Asp Thr Phe His Pro Glu Ala Ala Trp Glu Thr Leu
65 70 75 80
Ala Asn Phe Tyr Val Gly Asp Ile Asp Glu Ser Asp Arg Asp Ile Lys
85 90 95
20 Asn Asp Asp Phe Ala Ala Glu Val Arg Lys Leu Arg Thr Leu Phe Gln
100 105 110
Ser Leu Gly Tyr Tyr Asp Ser Ser Lys Ala Tyr Tyr Ala Phe Lys Val
115 120 125
25 Ser Phe Asn Leu Cys Ile Trp Gly Leu Ser Thr Val Ile Val Ala Lys
130 135 140
30 Trp Gly Gln Thr Ser Thr Leu Ala Asn Val Leu Ser Ala Ala Leu Leu
145 150 155 160
Gly Leu Phe Trp Gln Gln Cys Gly Trp Leu Ala His Asp Phe Leu His
165 170 175
35 His Gln Val Phe Gln Asp Arg Phe Trp Gly Asp Leu Phe Gly Ala Phe
180 185 190
Leu Gly Gly Val Cys Gln Gly Phe Ser Ser Ser Trp Trp Lys Asp Lys
195 200 205
40 His Asn Thr His His Ala Ala Pro Asn Val His Gly Glu Asp Pro Asp
210 215 220
45 Ile Asp Thr His Pro Leu Leu Thr Trp Ser Glu His Ala Leu Glu Met
225 230 235 240
Phe Ser Asp Val Pro Asp Glu Glu Leu Thr Arg Met Trp Ser Arg Phe
245 250 255
50 Met Val Leu Asn Gln Thr Trp Phe Tyr Phe Pro Ile Leu Ser Phe Ala
260 265 270
Arg Leu Ser Trp Cys Leu Gln Ser Ile Leu Phe Val Leu Pro Asn Gly
275 280 285
55 Gln Ala His Lys Pro Ser Gly Ala Arg Val Pro Ile Ser Leu Val Glu
290 295 300
60 Gln Leu Ser Leu Ala Met His Trp Thr Trp Tyr Leu Ala Thr Met Phe
305 310 315 320
Leu Phe Ile Lys Asp Pro Val Asn Met Leu Val Tyr Phe Leu Val Ser
325 330 335
65 Gln Ala Val Cys Gly Asn Leu Leu Ala Ile Val Phe Ser Leu Asn His

	340	345	350
5	Asn Gly Met Pro Val Ile Ser	Lys Glu Glu Ala Val Asp Met Asp Phe	
	355	360	365
	Phe Thr Lys Gln Ile Ile Thr	Gly Arg Asp Val His Pro Gly Leu Phe	
	370	375	380
10	Ala Asn Trp Phe Thr Gly Gly Leu Asn Tyr Gln Ile Glu His His Leu		
	385	390	395
	Phe Pro Ser Met Pro Arg His Asn Phe Ser Lys Ile Gln Pro Ala Val		
	405	410	415
15	Glu Thr Leu Cys Lys Lys Tyr Asn Val Arg Tyr His Thr Thr Gly Met		
	420	425	430
	Ile Glu Gly Thr Ala Glu Val Phe Ser Arg Leu Asn Glu Val Ser Lys		
20	435	440	445
	Ala Ala Ser Lys Met Gly Lys Ala Gln		
	450	455	
25	(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:3:		
	(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:		
	(A) LENGTH: 1488 base pairs		
	(B) TYPE: nucleic acid		
30	(C) STRANDEDNESS: single		
	(D) TOPOLOGY: linear		
	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)		
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	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:3:		
40	GTCCCTGTC GCTGTCGGCA CACCCCATCC TCCCTCGCTC CCTCTGCGTT TGTCCTTGGC	60	
	CCACCGTCTC TCCTCCACCC TCCGAGACGA CTGCAACTGT AATCAGGAAC CGACAAATAC	120	
	ACGATTTCTT TTTACTCAGC ACCAACTCAA AATCCTCAAC CGCAACCCTT TTTCAGGATG	180	
45	GCACCTCCCA ACACTATCGA TGCCGGTTTG ACCCAGCGTC ATATCAGCAC CTCGGCCCCA	240	
	AACTCGGCCA AGCCTGCCTT CGAGCGCAAC TACCAGCTCC CCGAGTTCAC CATCAAGGAG	300	
	ATCCGAGAGT GCATCCCTGC CCACTGCTTT GAGCGCTCCG GTCTCCGTGG TCTCTGCCAC	360	
50	GTTGCCATCG ATCTGACTTG GGCCTCGCTC TTGTTCTGG CTGCGACCCA GATCGACAAG	420	
	TTTGAGAATC CTTGATCCG CTATTTGGCC TGGCCTGTTT ACTGGATCAT GCAGGGTATT	480	
55	GTCTGCACCG GTGTCTGGGT GCTGGCTCAC GAGTGTGGTC ATCAGTCCTT CTCGACCTCC	540	
	AAGACCCTCA ACAACACAGT TGGTTGGATC TTGCACTCGA TGCTCTTGGT CCCCTACCAC	600	
	TCCTGGAGAA TCTCGCACTC GAAGCACCAC AAGGCCACTG GCCATATGAC CAAGGACCAG	660	
60	GTCTTTGTGC CCAAGACCCG CTCCCAGGTT GGCTTGCCTC CCAAGGAGAA CGCTGCTGCT	720	
	GCCGTTCAAG AGGAGGACAT GTCCGTGCAC CTGGATGAGG AGGCTCCCAT TGTGACTTTG	780	
65	TTCTGGATGG TGATCCAGTT CTTGTTCCGA TGGCCCGCGT ACCTGATTAT GAACGCCTCT	840	

5 GGCCAAGACT ACGGCCGCTG GACCTCGCAC TTCCACACGT ACTCGCCCAT CTTTGAGCCC 900
 CGCAACTTTT TCGACATTAT TATCTCGGAC CTCGGTGTGT TGGCTGCCCT CGGTGCCCTG 960
 10 ATCTATGCCT CCATGCAGTT GTCGCTCTTG ACCGTCACCA AGTACTATAT TGTCCCCTAC 1020
 CTCTTTGTCA ACTTTTGGTT GGTCCTGATC ACCTTCTTGC AGCACACCGA TCCCAAGCTG 1080
 CCCCATTACC GCGAGGGTGC CTGGAATTC CAGCGTGGAG CTCTTTGCAC CGTTGACCGC 1140
 TCGTTTGGCA AGTTCTTGA CCATATGTT CACGGCATTG TCCACACCCA TGTGGCCCAT 1200
 CACTTGTCT CGCAAATGCC GTTCTACCAT GCTGAGGAAG CTACCTATCA TCTCAAGAAA 1260
 15 CTGCTGGGAG AGTACTATGT GTACGACCCA TCCCGATCG TCGTTGCGGT CTGGAGGTCG 1320
 TTCCGTGAGT GCCGATTCGT GGAGGATCAG GGAGACGTGG TCTTTTCAA GAAGTAAAAA 1380
 AAAAGACAAT GGACCACACA CAACCTTGTC TCTACAGACC TACGTATCAT GTAGCCATAC 1440
 20 CACTTCATAA AAGAACATGA GCTCTAGAGG CGTGTCAATC GCGCCTCC 1488

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:4:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 399 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

30 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

40 Met Ala Pro Pro Asn Thr Ile Asp Ala Gly Leu Thr Gln Arg His Ile
 1 5 10 15
 Ser Thr Ser Ala Pro Asn Ser Ala Lys Pro Ala Phe Glu Arg Asn Tyr
 20 25 30
 45 Gln Leu Pro Glu Phe Thr Ile Lys Glu Ile Arg Glu Cys Ile Pro Ala
 35 40 45
 His Cys Phe Glu Arg Ser Gly Leu Arg Gly Leu Cys His Val Ala Ile
 50 55 60
 Asp Leu Thr Trp Ala Ser Leu Leu Phe Leu Ala Ala Thr Gln Ile Asp
 65 70 75 80
 55 Lys Phe Glu Asn Pro Leu Ile Arg Tyr Leu Ala Trp Pro Val Tyr Trp
 85 90 95
 Ile Met Gln Gly Ile Val Cys Thr Gly Val Trp Val Leu Ala His Glu
 100 105 110
 60 Cys Gly His Gln Ser Phe Ser Thr Ser Lys Thr Leu Asn Asn Thr Val
 115 120 125
 Gly Trp Ile Leu His Ser Met Leu Leu Val Pro Tyr His Ser Trp Arg
 130 135 140
 65 Ile Ser His Ser Lys His His Lys Ala Thr Gly His Met Thr Lys Asp
 145 150 155 160

	Gln Val Phe Val Pro Lys Thr Arg Ser Gln Val Gly Leu Pro Pro Lys	
	165	170 175
5	Glu Asn Ala Ala Ala Ala Val Gln Glu Glu Asp Met Ser Val His Leu	
	180	185 190
	Asp Glu Glu Ala Pro Ile Val Thr Leu Phe Trp Met Val Ile Gln Phe	
10	195	200 205
	Leu Phe Gly Trp Pro Ala Tyr Leu Ile Met Asn Ala Ser Gly Gln Asp	
	210	215 220
15	Tyr Gly Arg Trp Thr Ser His Phe His Thr Tyr Ser Pro Ile Phe Glu	
	225	230 235 240
	Pro Arg Asn Phe Phe Asp Ile Ile Ile Ser Asp Leu Gly Val Leu Ala	
	245	250 255
20	Ala Leu Gly Ala Leu Ile Tyr Ala Ser Met Gln Leu Ser Leu Leu Thr	
	260	265 270
	Val Thr Lys Tyr Tyr Ile Val Pro Tyr Leu Phe Val Asn Phe Trp Leu	
25	275	280 285
	Val Leu Ile Thr Phe Leu Gln His Thr Asp Pro Lys Leu Pro His Tyr	
	290	295 300
30	Arg Glu Gly Ala Trp Asn Phe Gln Arg Gly Ala Leu Cys Thr Val Asp	
	305	310 315 320
	Arg Ser Phe Gly Lys Phe Leu Asp His Met Phe His Gly Ile Val His	
	325	330 335
35	Thr His Val Ala His His Leu Phe Ser Gln Met Pro Phe Tyr His Ala	
	340	345 350
	Glu Glu Ala Thr Tyr His Leu Lys Lys Leu Leu Gly Glu Tyr Tyr Val	
40	355	360 365
	Tyr Asp Pro Ser Pro Ile Val Val Ala Val Trp Arg Ser Phe Arg Glu	
	370	375 380
45	Cys Arg Phe Val Glu Asp Gln Gly Asp Val Val Phe Phe Lys Lys	
	385	390 395

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

50 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 355 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

55 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

60 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

	Glu Val Arg Lys Leu Arg Thr Leu Phe Gln Ser Leu Gly Tyr Tyr Asp	
	1	5 10 15
65	Ser Ser Lys Ala Tyr Tyr Ala Phe Lys Val Ser Phe Asn Leu Cys Ile	
	20	25 30

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 104 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

Val Thr Leu Tyr Thr Leu Ala Phe Val Ala Ala Asn Ser Leu Gly Val
 1 5 10 15
 Leu Tyr Gly Val Leu Ala Cys Pro Ser Val Xaa Pro His Gln Ile Ala
 20 25 30
 Ala Gly Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Trp Ile Gln Ser Ala Tyr Ile Gly Xaa
 35 40 45
 Asp Ser Gly His Tyr Val Ile Met Ser Asn Lys Ser Asn Asn Xaa Phe
 50 55 60
 Ala Gln Leu Leu Ser Gly Asn Cys Leu Thr Gly Ile Ile Ala Trp Trp
 65 70 75 80
 Lys Trp Thr His Asn Ala His His Leu Ala Cys Asn Ser Leu Asp Tyr
 85 90 95
 Gly Pro Asn Leu Gln His Ile Pro
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 252 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

Gly Val Leu Tyr Gly Val Leu Ala Cys Thr Ser Val Phe Ala His Gln
 1 5 10 15
 Ile Ala Ala Ala Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Trp Ile Gln Ser Ala Tyr Ile
 20 25 30
 Gly His Asp Ser Gly His Tyr Val Ile Met Ser Asn Lys Ser Tyr Asn
 35 40 45
 Arg Phe Ala Gln Leu Leu Ser Gly Asn Cys Leu Thr Gly Ile Ser Ile
 50 55 60
 Ala Trp Trp Lys Trp Thr His Asn Ala His His Leu Ala Cys Asn Ser
 65 70 75 80
 Leu Asp Tyr Asp Pro Asp Leu Gln His Ile Pro Val Phe Ala Val Ser
 85 90 95

5 Thr Lys Phe Phe Ser Ser Leu Thr Ser Arg Phe Tyr Asp Arg Lys Leu
 100 105 110
 Thr Phe Gly Pro Val Ala Arg Phe Leu Val Ser Tyr Gln His Phe Thr
 115 120 125
 10 Tyr Tyr Pro Val Asn Cys Phe Gly Arg Ile Asn Leu Phe Ile Gln Thr
 130 135 140
 Phe Leu Leu Leu Phe Ser Lys Arg Glu Val Pro Asp Arg Ala Leu Asn
 145 150 155 160
 15 Phe Ala Gly Ile Leu Val Phe Trp Thr Trp Phe Pro Leu Leu Val Ser
 165 170 175
 Cys Leu Pro Asn Trp Pro Glu Arg Phe Phe Phe Val Phe Thr Ser Phe
 180 185 190
 20 Thr Val Thr Ala Leu Gln His Ile Gln Phe Thr Leu Asn His Phe Ala
 195 200 205
 Ala Asp Val Tyr Val Gly Pro Pro Thr Gly Ser Asp Trp Phe Glu Lys
 210 215 220
 25 Gln Ala Ala Gly Thr Ile Asp Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Tyr Met Asp Trp
 225 230 235 240
 30 Phe Phe Gly Gly Leu Gln Phe Gln Leu Glu His His
 245 250

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

35 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 125 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

40 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

45 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

Gly Xaa Xaa Asn Phe Ala Gly Ile Leu Val Phe Trp Thr Trp Phe Pro
 1 5 10 15
 50 Leu Leu Val Ser Cys Leu Pro Asn Trp Pro Glu Arg Phe Xaa Phe Val
 20 25 30
 Phe Thr Gly Phe Thr Val Thr Ala Leu Gln His Ile Gln Phe Thr Leu
 35 40 45
 55 Asn His Phe Ala Ala Asp Val Tyr Val Gly Pro Pro Thr Gly Ser Asp
 50 55 60
 60 Trp Phe Glu Lys Gln Ala Ala Gly Thr Ile Asp Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser
 65 70 75 80
 Tyr Met Asp Trp Phe Phe Cys Gly Leu Gln Phe Gln Leu Glu His His
 85 90 95
 65 Leu Phe Pro Arg Leu Pro Arg Cys His Leu Arg Lys Val Ser Pro Val
 100 105 110

Gly Gln Arg Gly Phe Gln Arg Lys Xaa Asn Leu Ser Xaa
 115 120 125

5 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 131 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

Pro Ala Thr Glu Val Gly Gly Leu Ala Trp Met Ile Thr Phe Tyr Val
 1 5 10 15
 Arg Phe Phe Leu Thr Tyr Val Pro Leu Leu Gly Leu Lys Ala Phe Leu
 20 25 30
 Gly Leu Phe Phe Ile Val Arg Phe Leu Glu Ser Asn Trp Phe Val Trp
 35 40 45
 Val Thr Gln Met Asn His Ile Pro Met His Ile Asp His Asp Arg Asn
 50 55 60
 Met Asp Trp Val Ser Thr Gln Leu Gln Ala Thr Cys Asn Val His Lys
 65 70 75 80
 Ser Ala Phe Asn Asp Trp Phe Ser Gly His Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile Glu
 85 90 95
 His His Leu Phe Pro Thr Met Pro Arg His Asn Tyr His Xaa Val Ala
 100 105 110
 Pro Leu Val Gln Ser Leu Cys Ala Lys His Gly Ile Glu Tyr Gln Ser
 115 120 125
 Lys Pro Leu
 130

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 87 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

Cys Ser Pro Lys Ser Ser Pro Thr Arg Asn Met Thr Pro Ser Pro Phe
 1 5 10 15
 Ile Asp Trp Leu Trp Gly Gly Leu Asn Tyr Gln Ile Glu His His Leu
 20 25 30

5 Phe Pro Thr Met Pro Arg Cys Asn Leu Asn Arg Cys Met Lys Tyr Val
 35 40 45
 Lys Glu Trp Cys Ala Glu Asn Asn Leu Pro Tyr Leu Val Asp Asp Tyr
 50 55 60
 10 Phe Val Gly Tyr Asn Leu Asn Leu Gln Gln Leu Lys Asn Met Ala Glu
 65 70 75 80
 Leu Val Gln Ala Lys Ala Ala
 85

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 143 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 20 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

30 Arg His Glu Ala Ala Arg Gly Gly Thr Arg Leu Ala Tyr Met Leu Val
 1 5 10 15
 Cys Met Gln Trp Thr Asp Leu Leu Trp Ala Ala Ser Phe Tyr Ser Arg
 20 25 30
 35 Phe Phe Leu Ser Tyr Ser Pro Phe Tyr Gly Ala Thr Gly Thr Leu Leu
 35 40 45
 Leu Phe Val Ala Val Arg Val Leu Glu Ser His Trp Phe Val Trp Ile
 50 55 60
 40 Thr Gln Met Asn His Ile Pro Lys Glu Ile Gly His Glu Lys His Arg
 65 70 75 80
 45 Asp Trp Ala Ser Ser Gln Leu Ala Ala Thr Cys Asn Val Glu Pro Ser
 85 90 95
 Leu Phe Ile Asp Trp Phe Ser Gly His Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile Glu His
 100 105 110
 50 His Leu Phe Pro Thr Met Thr Arg His Asn Tyr Arg Xaa Val Ala Pro
 115 120 125
 Leu Val Lys Ala Phe Cys Ala Lys His Gly Leu His Tyr Glu Val
 130 135 140

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

60 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 35 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

5 CCAAGCTTCT GCAGGAGCTC TTTTTTTTTT TTTT 35

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

CUACUACUAC UAGGAGTCCT CTACGGTGTT TTG 33

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 30 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

40 CAUCAUCAUC AUATGATGCT CAAGCTGAAA CTG 33

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:15:

45 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

50 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

55 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:15:

TACCAACTCG AGAAAATGGC TGCTGCTCCC AGTGTGAGG 39

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:16:

60 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 65 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:16:
AACTGATCTA GATTACTGCG CCTTACCCAT CTTGGAGGC 39

10 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
15 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:17:
TACCAACTCG AGAAAATGGC ACCTCCCAAC ACTATCGAT 39

25 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
30 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:18:
40 AACTGATCTA GATTACTTCT TGAAAAAGAC CACGTCTCC 39

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:
45 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 746 nucleic acids
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
50 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:19:
55 CGTATGTCAC TCCATTCCAA ACTCGTTCAT GGTATCATAA ATATCAACAC ATTTACGCTC 60
CACTCCTCTA TGGTATTTAC AACTCAAAT ATCGTACTCA AGATTGGGAA GCTTTTGTA 120
AGGATGGTAA AAATGGTGCA ATTCTGTGTA GTGTCGCCAC AAATTTTCGAT AAGGCCGCTT 180
ACGTCATTGG TAAATTGTCT TTTGTTTCT TCCGTTTCAT CCTTCCACTC CGTTATCATA 240
GCTTTACAGA TTTAATTTGT TATTCCTCA TTGCTGAATT CGTCTTTGGT TGGTATCTCA 300
CAATTAATTT CCAAGTTAGT CATGTCGCTG AAGATCTCAA ATTCTTTGCT ACCCCTGAAA 360
60 GACCAGATGA ACCATCTCAA ATCAATGAAG ATTGGGCAAT CCTTCAACTT AAAACTACTC 420
AAGATTATGG TCATGGTTCA CTCCTTTGTA CCTTTTTTAG TGGTCTTTA AATCATCAAG 480
TTGTTTCATCA TTTATTCCCA TCAATTGCTC AAGATTTCTA CCCACAACCT GTACCAATTG 540
TAAAAGAAGT TTGTAAAGAA CATAACATTA CTTACCACAT TAAACCAAAC TTTACTGAAG 600
CTATTATGTC ACACATTAAT TACCTTTACA AAATGGGTAA TGATCCAGAT TATGTTAAAA 660
65 AACCATTAGC CTCAAAGAT GATTAAATGA AATAACTTAA AAACCAATTA TTTACTTTTG 720

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 227 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:20:

Tyr Val Thr Pro Phe Gln Thr Arg Ser Trp Tyr His Lys Tyr Gln
 1 5 10 15
 His Ile Tyr Ala Pro Leu Leu Tyr Gly Ile Tyr Thr Leu Lys Tyr
 20 25 30
 Arg Thr Gln Asp Trp Glu Ala Phe Val Lys Asp Gly Lys Asn Gly
 35 40 45
 Ala Ile Arg Val Ser Val Ala Thr Asn Phe Asp Lys Ala Ala Tyr
 50 55 60
 Val Ile Gly Lys Leu Ser Phe Val Phe Phe Arg Phe Ile Leu Pro
 65 70 75
 Leu Arg Tyr His Ser Phe Thr Asp Leu Ile Cys Tyr Phe Leu Ile
 80 85 90
 Ala Glu Phe Val Phe Gly Trp Tyr Leu Thr Ile Asn Phe Gln Val
 95 100 105
 Ser His Val Ala Glu Asp Leu Lys Phe Phe Ala Thr Pro Glu Arg
 110 115 120
 Pro Asp Glu Pro Ser Gln Ile Asn Glu Asp Trp Ala Ile Leu Gln
 125 130 135
 Leu Lys Thr Thr Gln Asp Tyr Gly His Gly Ser Leu Leu Cys Thr
 140 145 150
 Phe Phe Ser Gly Ser Leu Asn His Gln Val Val His His Leu Phe
 155 160 165
 Pro Ser Ile Ala Gln Asp Phe Tyr Pro Gln Leu Val Pro Ile Val
 170 175 180
 Lys Glu Val Cys Lys Glu His Asn Ile Thr Tyr His Ile Lys Pro
 185 190 195
 Asn Phe Thr Glu Ala Ile Met Ser His Ile Asn Tyr Leu Tyr Lys
 200 205 210
 Met Gly Asn Asp Pro Asp Tyr Val Lys Lys Pro Leu Ala Ser Lys
 215 220 225
 Asp Asp ***

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO 21:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 494 nucleic acids

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION:SEQ ID NO:21:

TTTTGAAGG NTCCAAGTTN ACCACGGANT NGGCAAGTTN ACGGGGCGGA AANCGGTTTT 60
 CCCCCAAGC CTTTGTGCGA CTGGTTCTGT GGTGGCTTCC AGTACCAAGT CGACCACCAC 120
 TTATTCCCCA GCCTGCCCGG ACACAATCTG GCCAAGACAC ACGCACTGGT CGAATCGTTC 180
 TGCAAGGAGT GGGGTGTCCA GTACCACGAA GCCGACCTCG TGGACGGGAC CATGGAAGTC 240
 TTGCACCATT TGGGCAGCGT GGCCGGCGAA TTCGTCGTGG ATTTTGTACG CGACGGACCC 300

GCCATGTAAT CGTCGTTCGT GACGATGCAA GGGTTCACGC ACATCTACAC ACACTCACTC 360
 ACACAAC TAGTAACTCGT ATAGAATTCG GTGTGACCT GGACCTTGTT TGACTGGTTG 420
 GGGATAGGGT AGGTAGGCGG ACGCGTGGGT CGNCCCCGGG AATTCTGTGA CCGGTACCTG 480
 GCGCGCTNA AAGT 494

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:

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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 87 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:22:

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Phe Trp Lys Xxx Pro Ser Xxx Pro Arg Xxx Xxx Gln Val Xxx Gly
 1 5 10 15
 Ala Glu Xxx Gly Phe Pro Pro Lys Pro Phe Val Asp Trp Phe Cys
 20 25 30
 Gly Gly Phe Gln Tyr Gln Val Asp His His Leu Phe Pro Ser Leu
 25 35 40 45
 Pro Arg His Asn Leu Ala Lys Thr His Ala Leu Val Glu Ser Phe
 50 55 60
 Cys Lys Glu Trp Gly Val Gln Tyr His Glu Ala Asp Leu Val Asp
 65 70 75
 Gly Thr Met Glu Val Leu His His Leu Gly Ser Val Ala Gly Glu
 30 65 70 75
 Phe Val Val Asp Phe Val Arg Asp Gly Pro Ala Met
 80 85

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 520 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:23:

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GGATGGAGTT CGTCTGGATC GCTGTGCGCT ACGCGACGTG GTTTAAGCGT CATGGGTGCG 60
 CTTGGGTACA CGCCGGGGCA GTCGTTGGGC ATGTACTTGT GCGCCTTTGG TCTCGGCTGC 120
 ATTTACATTT TTCTGCAGTT CGCCGTAAGT CACACCCATT TGCCCGTGAG CAACCCGGAG 180
 GATCAGCTGC ATTGGCTCGA GTACGCGCGG ACCACACTGT GAACATCAGC ACCAAGTCGT 240
 GGTTCGTCAC ATGGTGGATG TCGAACCTCA ACTTTCAGAT CGAGCACCAC CTTTTCCCCA 300
 CGGCGCCCCA GTTCCGTTTC AAGGAGATCA GCCCGCGCGT CGAGGCCCTC TTCAAGCGCC 360
 ACGGTCTCCC TTACTACGAC ATGCCCTACA CGAGCGCCGT CTCCACCACC TTTGCCAACC 420
 TCTACTCCGT CGGCCATTCC GTCGCGGACG CCAAGCGCGA CTAGCCTCTT TTCCTAGACC 480
 TTAATTCGCC ACCCCACCCC ATGTTCTGTC TTCCTCCGCG 520

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:

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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 153 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:

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Met	Glu	Phe	Val	Trp	Ile	Ala	Val	Arg	Tyr	Ala	Thr	Trp	Phe	Lys
1				5					10					15
Arg	His	Gly	Cys	Ala	Trp	Val	His	Ala	Gly	Ala	Val	Val	Gly	His
				20					25					30
Val	Leu	Val	Arg	Leu	Trp	Ser	Arg	Leu	His	Leu	His	Phe	Ser	Ala
				35					40					45
Val	Arg	Arg	Lys	Ser	His	Pro	Phe	Ala	Arg	Glu	Gln	Pro	Gly	Gly
				50					55					60
Ser	Ala	Ala	Leu	Ala	Arg	Val	Arg	Ala	Asp	His	Thr	Val	Asn	Ile
				65					70					75
Ser	Thr	Lys	Ser	Trp	Phe	Val	Thr	Trp	Trp	Met	Ser	Asn	Leu	Asn
				80					85					90
Phe	Gln	Ile	Glu	His	His	Leu	Phe	Pro	Thr	Ala	Pro	Gln	Phe	Arg
				95					100					105
Phe	Lys	Glu	Ile	Ser	Pro	Arg	Val	Glu	Ala	Leu	Phe	Lys	Arg	His
				110					115					120
Gly	Leu	Pro	Tyr	Tyr	Asp	Met	Pro	Tyr	Thr	Ser	Ala	Val	Ser	Thr
				125					130					135
Thr	Phe	Ala	Asn	Leu	Tyr	Ser	Val	Gly	His	Ser	Val	Gly	Asp	Ala
				140					145					150
Lys	Arg	Asp												

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:25:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 420 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:25:

ACGCGTCCGC	CCACGCGTCC	GCCGCGAGCA	ACTCATCAAG	GAAGGCTACT	TTGACCCCTC	60
GCTCCCGCAC	ATGACGTACC	GCGTGGTCGA	GATTGTTGTT	CTCTTCGTGC	TTTCCTTTTG	120
GCTGATGGGT	CAGTCTTCAC	CCCTCGCGCT	CGCTCTCGGC	ATTGTCGTCA	GCGGCATCTC	180
TCAGGGTCGC	TGCGGCTGGG	TAATGCATGA	GATGGGCCAT	GGGTCGTTCA	CTGGTGTCAT	240
TTGGCTTGAC	GACCGGTTGT	GCGAGTTCTT	TTACGGCGTT	GGTTGTGGCA	TGAGCGGTCA	300
TTACTGGAAG	AACCAGCACA	GCAAACACCA	CGCAGCGCCA	AACCGGCTCG	AGCACGATGT	360
AGATCTCAAC	ACCTTGCCAT	TGGTGGCCTT	CAACGAGCGC	GTCGTGCGCA	AGGTCCGACC	420

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:26:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 125 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:26:

5	Arg Val Arg Pro Arg Val Arg Arg Glu Gln Leu Ile Lys Glu Gly	1	5	10	15
	Tyr Phe Asp Pro Ser Leu Pro His Met Thr Tyr Arg Val Val Glu	20	25	30	
10	Ile Val Val Leu Phe Val Leu Ser Phe Trp Leu Met Gly Gln Ser	35	40	45	
	Ser Pro Leu Ala Leu Ala Leu Gly Ile Val Val Ser Gly Ile Ser	50	55	60	
	Gln Gly Arg Cys Gly Trp Val Met His Glu Met Gly His Gly Ser	65	70	75	
15	Phe Thr Gly Val Ile Trp Leu Asp Asp Arg Leu Cys Glu Phe Phe	80	85	90	
	Tyr Gly Val Gly Cys Gly Met Ser Gly His Tyr Trp Lys Asn Gln	95	100	105	
20	His Ser Lys His His Ala Ala Pro Asn Arg Leu Glu His Asp Val	110	115	120	
	Asp Leu Asn Thr Leu Pro Leu Val Ala Phe Asn Glu Arg Val Val				
	Arg Lys Val Arg Pro				

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1219 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 2692004)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:27:

40	GCACGCCGAC CGGCGCCGGG AGATCCTGGC AAAGTATCCA GAGATAAAGT CCTTGATGAA	60
	ACCTGATCCC AATTTGATAT GGATTATAAT TATGATGGTT CTCACCCAGT TGGGTGCATT	120
45	TTACATAGTA AAAGACTTGG ACTGGAAATG GGTCATATTT GGGGCCTATG CGTTTGGCAG	180
	TTGCATTAAC CACTCAATGA CTCTGGCTAT TCATGAGATT GCCACAATG CTGCCTTTGG	240
	CAACTGCAAA GCAATGTGGA ATCGCTGGTT TGGAATGTTT GCTAATCTTC CTATTGGGAT	300
50	TCCATATTCA ATTTCTTTA AGAGGTATCA CATGGATCAT CATCGGTACC TTGGAGCTGA	360
	TGGCGTCGAT GTAGATATTC CTACCGATTT TGAGGGCTGG TTCTTCTGTA CCGCTTTCAG	420
55	AAAGTTTATA TGGGTTATTC TTCAGCCTCT CTTTATGCC TTTCGACCTC TGTTTCATCAA	480
	CCCCAAACCA ATTACGTATC TGGAAGTTAT CAATACCGTG GCACAGGTCA CTTTTGACAT	540
	TTTAATTTAT TACTTTTTGG GAATTAATC CTTAGTCTAC ATGTTGGCAG CATCTTTACT	600
60	TGGCCTGGGT TTGCACCCAA TTTCTGGACA TTTTATAGCT GAGCATTACA TGTTCTTAA	660
	GGGTCATGAA ACTTACTCAT ATTATGGGCC TCTGAATTTA CTTACCTTCA ATGTGGGTTA	720
65	TCATAATGAA CATCATGATT TCCCCAACAT TCCTGGAAAA AGTCTTCCAC TGGTGAGGAA	780
	AATAGCAGCT GAATACTATG ACAACCTCCC TCACTACAAT TCCTGGATAA AAGTACTGTA	840

5 TGATTTTGTG ATGGATGATA CAATAAGTCC CTA CTACTCAAGA ATGAAGAGGC ACCAAAAAGG 900
 AGAGATGGTG CTGGAGTAAA TATCATTAGT GCCAAAGGGA TTCTTCTCCA AAACCTTTAGA 960
 TGATAAAATG GAATTTTTC ATTATTAAAC TTGAGACCAG TGATGCTCAG AAGCTCCCCT 1020
 GGCACAATTT CAGAGTAAGA GCTCGGTGAT ACCAAGAAGT GAATCTGGCT TTAAACAGT 1080
 10 CAGCCTGACT CTGTACTGCT CAGTTTCACT CACAGGAAAC TTGTGACTTG TGTATTATCG 1140
 TCATTGAGGA TGTTTCACTC ATGTCTGTCA TTTTATAAGC ATATCATTTA AAAAGCTTCT 1200
 15 AAAAAGCTAT TCGCCAGG 1219

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:28:

20 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 655 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 25 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 2153526)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:28:

30 TTACCTTCTA CGTCCGCTTC TTCCTCACTT ATGTGCCACT ATTGGGGCTG AAAGCTTCCT 60
 GGGCCTTTTC TTCATAGTCA GGTTCCTGGA AAGCAACTGG TTTGTGTGGG TGACACAGAT 120
 35 GAACCATATT CCCATGCACA TTGATCATGA CCGGAACATG GACTGGGTTT CCACCCAGCT 180
 CCAGGCCACA TGCAATGTCC ACAAGTCTGC CTTCAATGAC TGGTTCAGTG GACACCTCAA 240
 40 CTTCCAGATT GAGCACCATC TTTTCCCAC GATGCCTCGA CACAATTACC ACAAAGTGGC 300
 TCCCCTGGTG CAGTCCTTGT GTGCCAAGCA TGGCATAGAG TACCAGTCCA AGCCCCTGCT 360
 GTCAGCCTTC GCCGACATCA TCCACTCACT AAAGGAGTCA GGCAGCTCT GGCTAGATGC 420
 45 CTATCTTCAC CAATAACAAC AGCCACCCTG CCCAGTCTGG AAGAAGAGGA GGAAGACTCT 480
 GGAGCCAAGG CAGAGGGGAG CTTGAGGGAC AATGCCACTA TAGTTTAATA CTCAGAGGGG 540
 50 GTTGGGTTTG GGGACATAAA GCCTCTGACT CAACTCCTC CCTTTTATCT TCTAGCCACA 600
 GTTCTAAGAC CCAAAGTGGG GGGTGGACAC AGAAGTCCCT AGGAGGGAAG GAGCT 655

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:29:

55 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 304 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 60 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 3506132)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:29:

65 GTCTTTTACT TTGGCAATGG CTGGATTCCT ACCCTCATCA CGGCCTTTGT CCTTGCTACC 60

	TCTCAGGCCC AAGCTGGATG GCTGCAACAT GATTATGGCC ACCTGTCTGT CTACAGAAAA	120
5	CCCAAGTGGA ACCACCTTGT CCACAAATTC GTCATTGGCC ACTTAAAGGG TGCCTCTGCC	180
	AACTGGTGGA ATCATCGCCA CTTCCAGCAC CACGCCAAGC CTAACATCTT CCACAAGGAT	240
	CCCGATGTGA ACATGCTGCA CGTGTTTGTG CTGGGCGAAT GGCAGCCCAT CGAGTACGGC	300
10	AAGA	304

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:30:

15	(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:	
	(A) LENGTH: 918 base pairs	
	(B) TYPE: nucleic acid	
	(C) STRANDEDNESS: single	
20	(D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 3854933)	
	(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:30:	
25	CAGGGACCTA CCCCGCGCTA CTTACCTGG GACGAGGTGG CCCAGCGCTC AGGGTGCGAG	60
	GAGCGGTGGC TAGTGATCGA CCGTAAGGTG TACAACATCA GCGAGTTCAC CCGCCGGCAT	120
30	CCAGGGGGCT CCCGGGTCAT CAGCCACTAC GCCGGGCAGG ATGCCACGGA TCCCTTTGTG	180
	GCCTTCACA TCAACAAGGG CCTTGTGAAG AAGTATATGA ACTCTCTCCT GATTGGAGAA	240
	CTGTCTCCAG AGCAGCCCAG CTTTGAGCCC ACCAAGAATA AAGAGCTGAC AGATGAGTTC	300
35	CGGGAGCTGC GGGCCACAGT GGAGCGGATG GGGCTCATGA AGGCCAACCA TGTCTTCTTC	360
	CTGCTGTACC TGCTGCACAT CTTGCTGCTG GATGGTGCAG CCTGGCTCAC CCTTTGGGTC	420
40	TTTGGGACGT CCTTTTGGCC CTTCTCTCTC TGTGCGGTGC TGCTCAGTGC AGTTCAGGCC	480
	CAGGCTGGCT GGCTGCAGCA TGACTTTGGG CACCTGTCGG TCTTCAGCAC CTCAAAGTGG	540
	AACCATCTGC TACATCATTT TGTGATTGGC CACCTGAAGG GGGCCCCCGC CAGTTGGTGG	600
45	AACCACATGC ACTTCCAGCA CCATGCCAAG CCCAACTGCT TCCGCAAAGA CCCAGACATC	660
	AACATGCATC CCTTCTTCTT TGCCTTGGGG AAGATCCTCT CTGTGGAGCT TGGGAAACAG	720
50	AAGAAAAAAT ATATGCCGTA CAACCACCAG CACARATACT TCTTCCTAAT TGGGCCCCCA	780
	GCCTTGCTGC CTCTCTACTT CCAGTGGTAT ATTTTCTATT TTGTTATCCA GCGAAAGAAG	840
	TGGGTGGACT TGGCCTGGAT CAGCAAACAG GAATACGATG AAGCCGGGCT TCCATTGTCC	900
55	ACCGCAAATG CTTCTAAA	918

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:31:

60	(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:	
	(A) LENGTH: 1686 base pairs	
	(B) TYPE: nucleic acid	
	(C) STRANDEDNESS: single	
65	(D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 2511785)	

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:31:

5	GCCACTTAAA GGGTGCCTCT GCCAACTGGT GGAATCATCG CCACTTCCAG CACCACGCCA	60
	AGCCTAACAT CTTCCACAAG GATCCCCGATG TGAACATGCT GCACGTGTTT GTTCTGGGCG	120
10	AATGGCAGCC CATCGAGTAC GGCAAGAAGA AGCTGAAATA CCTGCCCTAC AATCACCAGC	180
	ACGAATACTT CTTCTGATT GGGCCGCCGC TGCTCATCCC CATGTATTTT CAGTACCAGA	240
	TCATCATGAC CATGATCGTC CATAAGAACT GGGTGGACCT GGCCTGGGCC GTCAGCTACT	300
15	ACATCCGGTT CTTTCATCACC TACATCCCTT TCTACGGCAT CCTGGGAGCC CTCCTTTTCC	360
	TCAACTTCAT CAGGTTCTCTG GAGAGCCACT GGTTCGTGTG GGTCACACAG ATGAATCACA	420
20	TCGTCATGGA GATTGACCAG GAGGCCCTACC GTGACTGGTT CAGTAGCCAG CTGACAGCCA	480
	CCTGCAACGT GGAGCAGTCC TTCTTCAACG ACTGGTTCAG TGGACACCTT AACTTCCAGA	540
	TTGAGCACCA CCTCTTCCCC ACCATGCCCC GGCACAACTT ACACAAGATC GCCCCGCTGG	600
25	TGAAGTCTCT ATGTGCCAAG CATGGCATTG AATACCAGGA GAAGCCGCTA CTGAGGGCCC	660
	TGCTGGACAT CATCAGGTCC CTGAAGAAGT CTGGGAAGCT GTGGCTGGAC GCCTACCTTC	720
30	ACAAATGAAG CCACAGCCCC CGGGACACCG TGGGGAAGGG GTGCAGGTGG GGTGATGGCC	780
	AGAGGAATGA TGGGCTTTTG TTCTGAGGGG TGTCCGAGAG GCTGGTGTAT GCACTGCTCA	840
	CGGACCCCAT GTTGATCTT TCTCCCTTTC TCCTCTCCTT TTTCTCTTCA CATCTCCCCC	900
35	ATAGCACCTT GCCCTCATGG GACCTGCCCT CCCTCAGCCG TCAGCCATCA GCCATGGCCC	960
	TCCCAGTGCC TCCTAGCCCC TTCTTCCAAG GAGCAGAGAG GTGGCCACCG GGGGTGGCTC	1020
40	TGTCCTACCT CCACTCTCTG CCCCTAAAGA TGGGAGGAGA CCAGCGGTCC ATGGGTCTGG	1080
	CCTGTGAGTC TCCCCTTGCA GCCTGGTCAC TAGGCATCAC CCCCCTTTG GTTCTTCAGA	1140
	TGCTCTTGGG GTTCATAGGG GCAGGTCTTA GTCGGGCAGG GCCCCTGACC CTCCCGGCCT	1200
45	GGCTTCACTC TCCCTGACGG CTGCCATTGG TCCACCCTTT CATAGAGAGG CCTGCTTTGT	1260
	TACAAAGCTC GGGTCTCCCT CCTGCAGCTC GGTTAAGTAC CCGAGGCCTC TCTTAAGATG	1320
50	TCCAGGGCCC CAGGCCCGCG GGCACAGCCA GCCCACCTT TGGGCCCTGG AAGAGTCCTC	1380
	CACCCCATCA CTAGAGTGCT CTGACCCTGG GCTTTCACGG GCCCCATTCC ACCGCCTCCC	1440
	CAACTTGAGC CTGTGACCTT GGGACCAAAG GGGGAGTCCC TCGTCTCTTG TGA CTGAGCA	1500
55	GAGGCAGTGG CCACGTTTCTG GGAGGGGCCG GCTGGCCTGG AGGCTCAGCC CACCCTCCAG	1560
	CTTTTCCTCA GGGTGTCTCTG AGGTCCAAGA TTCTGGAGCA ATCTGACCCT TCTCCAAAGG	1620
60	CTCTGTTATC AGCTGGGCAG TGCCAGCCAA TCCCTGGCCA TTTGGCCCCA GGGGACGTGG	1680
	GCCCTG	1686

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:32:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1843 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Contig 2535)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:32:

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GTCTTTTACT TTGGCAATGG CTGGATTCCT ACCCTCATCA CGGCCTTTGT CCTTGCTACC 60

TCTCAGGCCC AAGCTGGATG GCTGCAACAT GATTATGGCC ACCTGTCTGT CTACAGAAAA 120

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CCCAAGTGA ACCACCTTGT CCACAAATTC GTCATTGGCC ACTTAAAGGG TGCCTCTGCC 180

AACTGGTGA ATCATCGCCA CTTCCAGCAC CACGCCAAGC CTAACATCTT CCACAAGGAT 240

20

CCCGATGTGA ACATGCTGCA CGTGTTTGTT CTGGGCGAAT GGCAGCCCAT CGAGTACGGC 300

AAGAAGAAGC TGAAATACCT GCCCTACAAT CACCAGCACG AATACTTCTT CCTGATTGGG 360

CCGCCGCTGC TCATCCCCAT GTATTTCCAG TACCAGATCA TCATGACCAT GATCGTCCAT 420

25

AAGAACTGGG TGGACCTGGC CTGGGCCGTC AGCTACTACA TCCGGTTCTT CATCACCTAC 480

ATCCCTTTCT ACGGCATCCT GGGAGCCCTC CTTTCTCTCA ACTTCATCAG GTTCCTGGAG 540

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AGCCACTGGT TTGTGTGGGT CACACAGATG AATCACATCG TCATGGAGAT TGACCAGGAG 600

GCCTACCGTG ACTGGTTCAG TAGCCAGCTG ACAGCCACCT GCAACGTGGA GCAGTCCTTC 660

TTCAACGACT GGTTCACTGG ACACCTTAAC TTCCAGATTG AGCACCACCT CTTCCCCACC 720

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ATGCCCCGGC ACAACTTACA CAAGATCGCC CCGCTGGTGA AGTCTCTATG TGCCAAGCAT 780

GGCATTGAAT ACCAGGAGAA GCCGCTACTG AGGGCCCTGC TGGACATCAT CAGGTCCCTG 840

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AAGAAGTCTG GGAAGCTGTG GCTGGACGCC TACCTTCACA AATGAAGCCA CAGCCCCCGG 900

GACACCGTGG GGAAGGGGTG CAGGTGGGGT GATGGCCAGA GGAATGATGG GCTTTTGTTC 960

TGAGGGGTGT CCGAGAGGCT GGTGTATGCA CTGCTCACGG ACCCATGTT GGATCTTTCT 1020

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CCCTTTCTCC TCTCCTTTTT CTCTTCACAT CTCCCCATA GCACCCTGCC CTCATGGGAC 1080

CTGCCCTCCC TCAGCCGTCA GCCATCAGCC ATGGCCCTCC CAGTGCCTCC TAGCCCCTTC 1140

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TTCCAAGGAG CAGAGAGGTG GCCACCGGGG GTGGCTCTGT CCTACCTCCA CTCTCTGCCC 1200

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CCATTGGTCC ACCCTTTCAT AGAGAGGCCT GCTTTGTTAC AAAGCTCGGG TCTCCCTCCT 1440

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GCAGCTCGGT TAAGTACCCG AGGCCTCTCT TAAGATGTCC AGGGCCCCAG GCCCGCGGGC 1500

ACAGCCAGCC CAAACCTTGG GCCCTGGAAG AGTCCTCCAC CCCATCACTA GAGTGCTCTG 1560

ACCCTGGGCT TTCACGGGCC CCATTCCACC GCCTCCCCAA CTTGAGCCTG TGACCTTGGG 1620

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ACCAAAGGGG GAGTCCCTCG TCTCTGTGA CTCAGCAGAG GCAGTGGCCA CGTTCAGGGA 1680

GGGGCCGGCT GGCCTGGAGG CTCAGCCCAC CCTCCAGCTT TTCCTCAGGG TGTCTGAGG 1740
TCCAAGATTC TGGAGCAATC TGACCCTTCT CCAAAGGCTC TGTATCAGC TGGGCAGTGC 1800
5 CAGCCAATCC CTGGCCATTT GGCCCCAGGG GACGTGGGCC CTG 1843

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:33:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 2257 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 253538a)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:33:

20 CAGGGACCTA CCCCgcgcta CTTcacttg GAGcaggtgg CCCAGCGCTC AGGGTGCgag 60
GAGCGGTGGC TAGTGATCGA CCGTAAGGTG TACAACATCA GCGAGTTCAC CCGCCGGCAT 120
25 CCAGGGGGCT CCCGGGTCAT CAGCCACTAC GCCGGGcagg ATGCCACGGA TCCCTTTGTG 180
GCCTTCCACA TCAACAAGGG CCTTGTGAAG AAGTATATGA ACTCTCTCCT GATTGGAGAA 240
CTGTCTCCAG AGCAGCCCAG CTTTGAGCCC ACCAAGAATA AAGAGCTGAC AGATGAGTTC 300
30 CGGGAGCTGC GGGCCACAGT GGAGCGGATG GGGCTCATGA AGGCCAACCA TGTCTTCTTC 360
CTGCTGTACC TGCTGCACAT CTTGCTGCTG GATGGTGcag CCTGGCTCAC CCTTTGGGTC 420
TTTGGGACGT CCTTTTGGCC CTTCTCTCTC TGTGCGGTGC TGCTCAGTGC AGTTCAGCAG 480
35 GCCCAAGCTG GATGGCTGCA ACATGATTAT GGCCACCTGT CTGTCTACAG AAAACCCAAG 540
TGGAACCACC TTGTCCACAA ATTCGTCATT GGCCACTTAA AGGGTGCCCTC TGCCAACTGG 600
40 TGGAATCATC GCCACTTCCA GCACCACGCC AAGCCTAACA TCTTCCACAA GGATCCCGAT 660
GTGAACATGC TGCACGTGTT TGTCTGGGC GAATGGCAGC CCATCGAGTA CGGCAAGAAG 720
AAGCTGAAAT ACCTGCCCTA CAATCACCAG CACGAATACT TCTTCCTGAT TGGGCCGCCG 780
45 CTGCTCATCC CCATGTATTT CCAGTACCAG ATCATCATGA CCATGATCGT CCATAAGAAC 840
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50 TTCTACGGCA TCCTGGGAGC CCTCCTTTTC CTCAACTTCA TCAGGTTCCCT GGAGAGCCAC 960
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CGTGACTGGT TCAGTAGCCA GCTGACAGCC ACCTGCAACG TGGAGCAGTC CTTCTTCAAC 1080
55 GACTGGTTCA GTGGACACCT TAACTTCCAG ATTGAGCACC ACCTCTTCCC CACCATGCCC 1140
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60 GAATACCAGG AGAAGCCGCT ACTGAGGGCC CTGCTGGACA TCATCAGGTC CCTGAAGAAG 1260
TCTGGGAAGC TGTGGCTGGA CGCCTACCTT CACAAATGAA GCCACAGCCC CCGGGACACC 1320
GTGGGAAGG GGTGCAGGTG GGGTGATGGC CAGAGGAATG ATGGGCTTTT GTTCTGAGGG 1380
65 GTGTCCGAGA GGCTGGTGTA TGCAGTCTC ACGGACCCCA TGTGGATCT TTCTCCCTTT 1440

CTCCTCTCCT TTTTCTCTTC ACATCTCCCC CATAGCACCC TGCCCTCATG GGACCTGCCC 1500
 5 TCCCTCAGCC GTCAGCCATC AGCCATGGCC CTCCCAGTGC CTCCTAGCCC CTTCTTCCAA 1560
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 10 CTAGGCATCA CCCCCGCTTT GGTCTTCAG ATGCTCTTGG GGTTCATAGG GGCAGGTCCT 1740
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 15 GTCCACCCTT TCATAGAGAG GCCTGCTTTG TTACAAAGCT CGGGTCTCCC TCCTGCAGCT 1860
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 20 GGCTTTTACG GGCCCCATTC CACCGCCTCC CCAACTTGAG CCTGTGACCT TGGGACCAAA 2040
 GGGGGAGTCC CTCGTCTCTT GTGACTCAGC AGAGGCAGTG GCCACGTTCA GGGAGGGGCC 2100
 25 GGCTGGCCTG GAGGCTCAGC CCACCCTCCA GCTTTTCCTC AGGGTGTCTT GAGGTCCAAG 2160
 ATTCTGGAGC AATCTGACCC TTCTCCAAAG GCTCTGTTAT CAGCTGGGCA GTGCCAGCCA 2220
 ATCCCTGGCC ATTTGGCCCC AGGGGACGTG GGCCCTG 2257

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:34:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 411 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2692004)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:34:

His Ala Asp Arg Arg Arg Glu Ile Leu Ala Lys Tyr Pro Glu Ile
 1 5 10 15
 Lys Ser Leu Met Lys Pro Asp Pro Asn Leu Ile Trp Ile Ile Ile
 20 25 30
 Met Met Val Leu Thr Gln Leu Gly Ala Phe Tyr Ile Val Lys Asp
 35 40 45
 50 Leu Asp Trp Lys Trp Val Ile Phe Gly Ala Tyr Ala Phe Gly Ser
 50 55 60
 Cys Ile Asn His Ser Met Thr Leu Ala Ile His Glu Ile Ala His
 65 70 75
 Asn Ala Ala Phe Gly Asn Cys Lys Ala Met Trp Asn Arg Trp Phe
 80 85 90
 55 Gly Met Phe Ala Asn Leu Pro Ile Gly Ile Pro Tyr Ser Ile Ser
 95 100 105
 Phe Lys Arg Tyr His Met Asp His His Arg Tyr Leu Gly Ala Asp
 110 115 120
 60 Gly Val Asp Val Asp Ile Pro Thr Asp Phe Glu Gly Trp Phe Phe
 125 130 135
 Cys Thr Ala Phe Arg Lys Phe Ile Trp Val Ile Leu Gln Pro Leu
 140 145 150
 65 Phe Tyr Ala Phe Arg Pro Leu Phe Ile Asn Pro Lys Pro Ile Thr
 155 160 165
 Tyr Leu Glu Val Ile Asn Thr Val Ala Gln Val Thr Phe Asp Ile

		170		175		180
	Leu Ile Tyr Tyr	Phe Leu Gly Ile Lys	Ser Leu Val Tyr Met	Leu		
		185		190		195
5	Ala Ala Ser Leu	Leu Gly Leu Gly Leu	His Pro Ile Ser Gly	His		
		200		205		210
	Phe Ile Ala Glu	His Tyr Met Phe Leu	Lys Gly His Glu Thr	Tyr		
		215		220		225
	Ser Tyr Tyr Gly	Pro Leu Asn Leu Leu	Thr Phe Asn Val Gly	Tyr		
		230		235		240
10	His Asn Glu His	His Asp Phe Pro Asn	Ile Pro Gly Lys Ser	Leu		
		245		250		255
	Pro Leu Val Arg	Lys Ile Ala Ala Glu	Tyr Tyr Asp Asn Leu	Pro		
		260		265		270
15	His Tyr Asn Ser	Trp Ile Lys Val Leu	Tyr Asp Phe Val Met	Asp		
		275		280		285
	Asp Thr Ile Ser	Pro Tyr Ser Arg Met	Lys Arg His Gln Lys	Gly		
		290		295		300
	Glu Met Val Leu	Glu *** Ile Ser Leu	Val Pro Lys Gly Phe	Phe		
		305		310		315
20	Ser Lys Thr Leu	Asp Asp Lys Met Glu	Phe Leu His Tyr ***	Thr		
		320		325		330
	*** Asp Gln ***	Cys Ser Glu Ala Pro	Leu Ala Gln Phe Gln	Ser		
		335		340		345
25	Lys Ser Ser Val	Ile Pro Arg Ser Glu	Ser Gly Phe *** Thr	Val		
		350		355		360
	Ser Leu Thr Leu	Tyr Cys Ser Val Ser	Leu Thr Gly Asn Leu	***		
		365		370		375
	Leu Val Tyr Tyr	Arg His *** Gly Cys	Phe Thr His Val Cys	His		
		380		385		390
30	Phe Ile Ser Ile	Ser Phe Lys Lys Leu	Leu Lys Ser Tyr Phe	Ala		
		400		405		410
	Arg					

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:35:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 218 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2153526)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:35:

	Tyr Leu Leu Arg Pro Leu Leu Pro His	Leu Cys Ala Thr Ile Gly
	1	15
	Ala Glu Ser Phe Leu Gly Leu Phe Phe	Ile Val Arg Phe Leu Glu
50		30
	Ser Asn Trp Phe Val Trp Val Thr Gln Met	Asn His Ile Pro Met
		45
	His Ile Asp His Asp Arg Asn Met Asp Trp	Val Ser Thr Gln Leu
		60
55	Gln Ala Thr Cys Asn Val His Lys Ser Ala	Phe Asn Asp Trp Phe
		75
	Ser Gly His Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile Glu His	His Leu Phe Pro Thr
		90
60	Met Pro Arg His Asn Tyr His Lys Val Ala	Pro Leu Val Gln Ser
		105
	Leu Cys Ala Lys His Gly Ile Glu Tyr Gln	Ser Lys Pro Leu Leu
		120
	Ser Ala Phe Ala Asp Ile Ile His Ser Leu	Lys Glu Ser Gly Gln
		135
65	Leu Trp Leu Asp Ala Tyr Leu His Gln ***	Gln Gln Pro Pro Cys
		150

5 Pro Val Trp Lys Lys Arg Arg Lys Thr Leu Glu Pro Arg Gln Arg
 155 160 165
 Gly Ala *** Gly Thr Met Pro Leu *** Phe Asn Thr Gln Arg Gly
 170 175 180
 10 Leu Gly Leu Gly Thr *** Ser Leu *** Leu Lys Leu Leu Pro Phe
 185 190 195
 Ile Phe *** Pro Gln Phe *** Asp Pro Lys Trp Gly Val Asp Thr
 200 205 210
 15 Glu Val Pro Arg Arg Glu Gly Ala
 215

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:36:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 86 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 3506132)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:36:

30 Val Phe Tyr Phe Gly Asn Gly Trp Ile Pro Thr Leu Ile Thr Ala
 1 5 10 15
 Phe Val Leu Ala Thr Ser Gln Ala Gln Ala Gly Trp Leu Gln His
 20 25 30
 Asp Tyr Gly His Leu Ser Val Tyr Arg Lys Pro Lys Trp Asn His
 35 40 45
 35 Leu Val His Lys Phe Val Ile Gly His Leu Lys Gly Ala Ser Ala
 50 55 60
 Asn Trp Trp Asn His Arg His Phe Gln His His Ala Lys Pro Asn
 65 70 75
 40 Leu Gly Glu Trp Gln Pro Ile Glu Tyr Gly Lys Xxx
 80 85

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:37:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 306 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 3854933)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:37:

55 Gln Gly Pro Thr Pro Arg Tyr Phe Thr Trp Asp Glu Val Ala Gln
 1 5 10 15
 Arg Ser Gly Cys Glu Arg Trp Leu Val Ile Asp Arg Lys Val
 20 25 30
 60 Tyr Asn Ile Ser Glu Phe Thr Arg Arg His Pro Gly Gly Ser Arg
 35 40 45
 Val Ile Ser His Tyr Ala Gly Gln Asp Ala Thr Asp Pro Phe Val
 50 55 60
 65 Ala Phe His Ile Asn Lys Gly Leu Val Lys Lys Tyr Met Asn Ser
 65 70 75
 Leu Leu Ile Gly Glu Leu Ser Pro Glu Gln Pro Ser Phe Glu Pro

		80		85		90
	Thr Lys Asn Lys	Glu Leu Thr Asp Glu	Phe Arg Glu Leu Arg	Ala		
		95		100		105
5	Thr Val Glu Arg	Met Gly Leu Met Lys	Ala Asn His Val Phe	Phe		
		110		115		120
	Leu Leu Tyr Leu	Leu His Ile Leu Leu	Leu Asp Gly Ala Ala	Trp		
		125		130		135
	Leu Thr Leu Trp	Val Phe Gly Thr Ser	Phe Leu Pro Phe Leu	Leu		
		140		145		150
10	Cys Ala Val Leu	Leu Ser Ala Val Gln	Ala Gln Ala Gly Trp	Leu		
		155		160		165
	Gln His Asp Phe	Gly His Leu Ser Val	Phe Ser Thr Ser Lys	Trp		
		170		175		180
15	Asn His Leu Leu	His His Phe Val Ile	Gly His Leu Lys Gly	Ala		
		185		190		195
	Pro Ala Ser Trp	Trp Asn His Met His	Phe Gln His His Ala	Lys		
		200		205		210
	Pro Asn Cys Phe	Arg Lys Asp Pro Asp	Ile Asn Met His Pro	Phe		
		215		220		225
20	Phe Phe Ala Leu	Gly Lys Ile Leu Ser	Val Glu Leu Gly Lys	Gln		
		230		235		240
	Lys Lys Lys Tyr	Met Pro Tyr Asn His	Gln His Xxx Tyr Phe	Phe		
		245		250		255
25	Leu Ile Gly Pro	Pro Ala Leu Leu Pro	Leu Tyr Phe Gln Trp	Tyr		
		260		265		270
	Ile Phe Tyr Phe	Val Ile Gln Arg Lys	Lys Trp Val Asp Leu	Ala		
		275		280		285
	Trp Ile Ser Lys	Gln Glu Tyr Asp Glu	Ala Gly Leu Pro Leu	Ser		
		290		295		300
30	Thr Ala Asn Ala	Ser Lys				
		305				

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:38:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 566 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2511785)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:38:

	His Leu Lys Gly Ala Ser Ala Asn Trp Trp Asn His Arg His Phe	
	1	5
	Gln His His Ala Lys Pro Asn Ile Phe His Lys Asp Pro Asp Val	
50		20
	Asn Met Leu His Val Phe Val Leu Gly Glu Trp Gln Pro Ile Glu	
		35
	Tyr Gly Lys Lys Lys Leu Lys Tyr Leu Pro Tyr Asn His Gln His	
		50
55	Glu Tyr Phe Phe Leu Ile Gly Pro Pro Leu Leu Ile Pro Met Tyr	
		65
	Phe Gln Tyr Gln Ile Ile Met Thr Met Ile Val His Lys Asn Trp	
		80
	Val Asp Leu Ala Trp Ala Val Ser Tyr Tyr Ile Arg Phe Phe Ile	
60		95
	Thr Tyr Ile Pro Phe Tyr Gly Ile Leu Gly Ala Leu Leu Phe Leu	
		110
	Asn Phe Ile Arg Phe Leu Glu Ser His Trp Phe Val Trp Val Thr	
		125
65	Gln Met Asn His Ile Val Met Glu Ile Asp Gln Glu Ala Tyr Arg	
		140
		145
		150

	Asp	Trp	Phe	Ser	Ser	Gln	Leu	Thr	Ala	Thr	Cys	Asn	Val	Glu	Gln
					155					160					165
	Ser	Phe	Phe	Asn	Asp	Trp	Phe	Ser	Gly	His	Leu	Asn	Phe	Gln	Ile
					170					175					180
5	Glu	His	His	Leu	Phe	Pro	Thr	Met	Pro	Arg	His	Asn	Leu	His	Lys
					185					190					195
	Ile	Ala	Pro	Leu	Val	Lys	Ser	Leu	Cys	Ala	Lys	His	Gly	Ile	Glu
					200					205					210
	Tyr	Gln	Glu	Lys	Pro	Leu	Leu	Arg	Ala	Leu	Leu	Asp	Ile	Ile	Arg
10					215					220					225
	Ser	Leu	Lys	Lys	Ser	Gly	Lys	Leu	Trp	Leu	Asp	Ala	Tyr	Leu	His
					230					235					240
	Lys	***	Ser	His	Ser	Pro	Arg	Asp	Thr	Val	Gly	Lys	Gly	Cys	Arg
					245					250					255
15	Trp	Gly	Asp	Gly	Gln	Arg	Asn	Asp	Gly	Leu	Leu	Phe	***	Gly	Val
					260					265					270
	Ser	Glu	Arg	Leu	Val	Tyr	Ala	Leu	Leu	Thr	Asp	Pro	Met	Leu	Asp
					275					280					285
	Leu	Ser	Pro	Phe	Leu	Leu	Ser	Phe	Phe	Ser	Ser	His	Leu	Pro	His
20					290					295					300
	Ser	Thr	Leu	Pro	Ser	Trp	Asp	Leu	Pro	Ser	Leu	Ser	Arg	Gln	Pro
					305					310					315
	Ser	Ala	Met	Ala	Leu	Pro	Val	Pro	Pro	Ser	Pro	Phe	Phe	Gln	Gly
					320					325					330
25	Ala	Glu	Arg	Trp	Pro	Pro	Gly	Val	Ala	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Leu	His	Ser
					335					340					345
	Leu	Pro	Leu	Lys	Met	Gly	Gly	Asp	Gln	Arg	Ser	Met	Gly	Leu	Ala
					350					355					360
	Cys	Glu	Ser	Pro	Leu	Ala	Ala	Trp	Ser	Leu	Gly	Ile	Thr	Pro	Ala
30					365					370					375
	Leu	Val	Leu	Gln	Met	Leu	Leu	Gly	Phe	Ile	Gly	Ala	Gly	Pro	Ser
					380					385					390
	Arg	Ala	Gly	Pro	Leu	Thr	Leu	Pro	Ala	Trp	Leu	His	Ser	Pro	***
					400					405					410
35	Arg	Leu	Pro	Leu	Val	His	Pro	Phe	Ile	Glu	Arg	Pro	Ala	Leu	Leu
					415					420					425
	Gln	Ser	Ser	Gly	Leu	Pro	Pro	Ala	Ala	Arg	Leu	Ser	Thr	Arg	Gly
					430					435					440
	Leu	Ser	***	Asp	Val	Gln	Gly	Pro	Arg	Pro	Ala	Gly	Thr	Ala	Ser
40					445					450					455
	Pro	Asn	Leu	Gly	Pro	Trp	Lys	Ser	Pro	Pro	Pro	His	His	***	Ser
					460					465					470
	Ala	Leu	Thr	Leu	Gly	Phe	His	Gly	Pro	His	Ser	Thr	Ala	Ser	Pro
					475					480					485
45	Thr	***	Ala	Cys	Asp	Leu	Gly	Thr	Lys	Gly	Gly	Val	Pro	Arg	Leu
					490					495					500
	Leu	***	Leu	Ser	Arg	Gly	Ser	Gly	His	Val	Gln	Gly	Gly	Ala	Gly
					505					510					515
	Trp	Pro	Gly	Gly	Ser	Ala	His	Pro	Pro	Ala	Phe	Pro	Gln	Gly	Val
50					520					525					530
	Leu	Arg	Ser	Lys	Ile	Leu	Glu	Gln	Ser	Asp	Pro	Ser	Pro	Lys	Ala
					535					540					545
	Leu	Leu	Ser	Ala	Gly	Gln	Cys	Gln	Pro	Ile	Pro	Gly	His	Leu	Ala
					550					555					560
55	Pro	Gly	Asp	Val	Gly	Pro	Xxx								
					565										

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:39:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 619 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2535)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:39:

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	Val	Phe	Tyr	Phe	Gly	Asn	Gly	Trp	Ile	Pro	Thr	Leu	Ile	Thr	Ala	
	1				5					10					15	
10	Phe	Val	Leu	Ala	Thr	Ser	Gln	Ala	Gln	Ala	Gly	Trp	Leu	Gln	His	
					20					25					30	
	Asp	Tyr	Gly	His	Leu	Ser	Val	Tyr	Arg	Lys	Pro	Lys	Trp	Asn	His	
					35					40					45	
	Leu	Val	His	Lys	Phe	Val	Ile	Gly	His	Leu	Lys	Gly	Ala	Ser	Ala	
					50					55					60	
15	Asn	Trp	Trp	Asn	His	Arg	His	Phe	Gln	His	His	Ala	Lys	Pro	Asn	
					65					70					75	
	Ile	Phe	His	Lys	Asp	Pro	Asp	Val	Asn	Met	Leu	His	Val	Phe	Val	
					80					85					90	
20	Leu	Gly	Glu	Trp	Gln	Pro	Ile	Glu	Tyr	Gly	Lys	Lys	Lys	Leu	Lys	
					95					100					105	
	Tyr	Leu	Pro	Tyr	Asn	His	Gln	His	Glu	Tyr	Phe	Phe	Leu	Ile	Gly	
					110					115					120	
	Pro	Pro	Leu	Leu	Ile	Pro	Met	Tyr	Phe	Gln	Tyr	Gln	Ile	Ile	Met	
					125					130					135	
25	Thr	Met	Ile	Val	His	Lys	Asn	Trp	Val	Asp	Leu	Ala	Trp	Ala	Val	
					140					145					150	
	Ser	Tyr	Tyr	Ile	Arg	Phe	Phe	Ile	Thr	Tyr	Ile	Pro	Phe	Tyr	Gly	
					155					160					165	
30	Ile	Leu	Gly	Ala	Leu	Leu	Phe	Leu	Asn	Phe	Ile	Arg	Phe	Leu	Glu	
					170					175					180	
	Ser	His	Trp	Phe	Val	Trp	Val	Thr	Gln	Met	Asn	His	Ile	Val	Met	
					185					190					195	
	Glu	Ile	Asp	Gln	Glu	Ala	Tyr	Arg	Asp	Trp	Phe	Ser	Ser	Gln	Leu	
					200					205					210	
35	Thr	Ala	Thr	Cys	Asn	Val	Glu	Gln	Ser	Phe	Phe	Asn	Asp	Trp	Phe	
					215					220					225	
	Ser	Gly	His	Leu	Asn	Phe	Gln	Ile	Glu	His	His	Leu	Phe	Pro	Thr	
					230					235					240	
40	Met	Pro	Arg	His	Asn	Leu	His	Lys	Ile	Ala	Pro	Leu	Val	Lys	Ser	
					245					250					255	
	Leu	Cys	Ala	Lys	His	Gly	Ile	Glu	Tyr	Gln	Glu	Lys	Pro	Leu	Leu	
					260					265					270	
	Arg	Ala	Leu	Leu	Asp	Ile	Ile	Arg	Ser	Leu	Lys	Lys	Ser	Gly	Lys	
					275					280					285	
45	Leu	Trp	Leu	Asp	Ala	Tyr	Leu	His	Lys	***	Ser	His	Ser	Pro	Arg	
					290					295					300	
	Asp	Thr	Val	Gly	Lys	Gly	Cys	Arg	Trp	Gly	Asp	Gly	Gln	Arg	Asn	
					305					310					315	
50	Asp	Gly	Leu	Leu	Phe	***	Gly	Val	Ser	Glu	Arg	Leu	Val	Tyr	Ala	
					320					325					330	
	Leu	Leu	Thr	Asp	Pro	Met	Leu	Asp	Leu	Ser	Pro	Phe	Leu	Leu	Ser	
					335					340					345	
	Phe	Phe	Ser	Ser	His	Leu	Pro	His	Ser	Thr	Leu	Pro	Ser	Trp	Asp	
					350					355					360	
55	Leu	Pro	Ser	Leu	Ser	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ser	Ala	Met	Ala	Leu	Pro	Val	
					365					370					375	
	Pro	Pro	Ser	Pro	Phe	Gln	Gly	Ala	Glu	Arg	Trp	Pro	Pro	Gly		
					380					385					390	
60	Val	Ala	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Leu	His	Ser	Leu	Pro	Leu	Lys	Met	Gly	Gly	
					400					405					410	
	Asp	Gln	Arg	Ser	Met	Gly	Leu	Ala	Cys	Glu	Ser	Pro	Leu	Ala	Ala	
					415					420					425	
	Trp	Ser	Leu	Gly	Ile	Thr	Pro	Ala	Leu	Val	Leu	Gln	Met	Leu	Leu	
					430					435					440	
65	Gly	Phe	Ile	Gly	Ala	Gly	Pro	Ser	Arg	Ala	Gly	Pro	Leu	Thr	Leu	
					445					450					455	

	Pro	Ala	Trp	Leu	His	Ser	Pro	***	Arg	Leu	Pro	Leu	Val	His	Pro
					460					465					470
	Phe	Ile	Glu	Arg	Pro	Ala	Leu	Leu	Gln	Ser	Ser	Gly	Leu	Pro	Pro
					475					480					485
5	Ala	Ala	Arg	Leu	Ser	Thr	Arg	Gly	Leu	Ser	***	Asp	Val	Gln	Gly
					490					495					500
	Pro	Arg	Pro	Ala	Gly	Thr	Ala	Ser	Pro	Asn	Leu	Gly	Pro	Trp	Lys
					505					510					515
10	Ser	Pro	Pro	Pro	His	His	***	Ser	Ala	Leu	Thr	Leu	Gly	Phe	His
					520					525					530
	Gly	Pro	His	Ser	Thr	Ala	Ser	Pro	Thr	***	Ala	Cys	Asp	Leu	Gly
					535					540					545
	Thr	Lys	Gly	Gly	Val	Pro	Arg	Leu	Leu	***	Leu	Ser	Arg	Gly	Ser
					550					555					560
15	Gly	His	Val	Gln	Gly	Gly	Ala	Gly	Trp	Pro	Gly	Gly	Ser	Ala	His
					565					570					575
	Pro	Pro	Ala	Phe	Pro	Gln	Gly	Val	Leu	Arg	Ser	Lys	Ile	Leu	Glu
					580					585					590
20	Gln	Ser	Asp	Pro	Ser	Pro	Lys	Ala	Leu	Leu	Ser	Ala	Gly	Gln	Cys
					595					600					605
	Gln	Pro	Ile	Pro	Gly	His	Leu	Ala	Pro	Gly	Asp	Val	Gly	Pro	Xxx
					610					615					620

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:40:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 757 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 253538a)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:40:

40	Gln	Gly	Pro	Thr	Pro	Arg	Tyr	Phe	Thr	Trp	Asp	Glu	Val	Ala	Gln
	1				5					10					15
	Arg	Ser	Gly	Cys	Glu	Glu	Arg	Trp	Leu	Val	Ile	Asp	Arg	Lys	Val
					20					25					30
	Tyr	Asn	Ile	Ser	Glu	Phe	Thr	Arg	Arg	His	Pro	Gly	Gly	Ser	Arg
					35					40					45
45	Val	Ile	Ser	His	Tyr	Ala	Gly	Gln	Asp	Ala	Thr	Asp	Pro	Phe	Val
					50					55					60
	Ala	Phe	His	Ile	Asn	Lys	Gly	Leu	Val	Lys	Lys	Tyr	Met	Asn	Ser
					65					70					75
50	Leu	Leu	Ile	Gly	Glu	Leu	Ser	Pro	Glu	Gln	Pro	Ser	Phe	Glu	Pro
					80					85					90
	Thr	Lys	Asn	Lys	Glu	Leu	Thr	Asp	Glu	Phe	Arg	Glu	Leu	Arg	Ala
					95					100					105
	Thr	Val	Glu	Arg	Met	Gly	Leu	Met	Lys	Ala	Asn	His	Val	Phe	Phe
					110					115					120
55	Leu	Leu	Tyr	Leu	Leu	His	Ile	Leu	Leu	Leu	Asp	Gly	Ala	Ala	Trp
					125					130					135
	Leu	Thr	Leu	Trp	Val	Phe	Gly	Thr	Ser	Phe	Leu	Pro	Phe	Leu	Leu
					140					145					150
60	Cys	Ala	Val	Leu	Leu	Ser	Ala	Val	Gln	Gln	Ala	Gln	Ala	Gly	Trp
					155					160					165
	Leu	Gln	His	Asp	Tyr	Gly	His	Leu	Ser	Val	Tyr	Arg	Lys	Pro	Lys
					170					175					180
	Trp	Asn	His	Leu	Val	His	Lys	Phe	Val	Ile	Gly	His	Leu	Lys	Gly
					185					190					195
65	Ala	Ser	Ala	Asn	Trp	Trp	Asn	His	Arg	His	Phe	Gln	His	His	Ala
					200					205					210

	Lys Pro Asn Ile	Phe His Lys Asp Pro	Asp Val Asn Met Leu His	
		215	220	225
	Val Phe Val Leu	Gly Glu Trp Gln Pro	Ile Glu Tyr Gly Lys Lys	
		230	235	240
5	Lys Leu Lys Tyr	Leu Pro Tyr Asn His	Gln His Glu Tyr Phe Phe	
		245	250	255
	Leu Ile Gly Pro	Pro Leu Leu Ile Pro	Met Tyr Phe Gln Tyr Gln	
		260	265	270
10	Ile Ile Met Thr	Met Ile Val His Lys	Asn Trp Val Asp Leu Ala	
		275	280	285
	Trp Ala Val Ser	Tyr Tyr Ile Arg Phe	Phe Ile Thr Tyr Ile Pro	
		290	295	300
	Phe Tyr Gly Ile	Leu Gly Ala Leu Leu	Phe Leu Asn Phe Ile Arg	
		305	310	315
15	Phe Leu Glu Ser	His Trp Phe Val Trp	Val Thr Gln Met Asn His	
		320	325	330
	Ile Val Met Glu	Ile Asp Gln Glu Ala	Tyr Arg Asp Trp Phe Ser	
		335	340	345
20	Ser Gln Leu Thr	Ala Thr Cys Asn Val	Glu Gln Ser Phe Phe Asn	
		350	355	360
	Asp Trp Phe Ser	Gly His Leu Asn Phe	Gln Ile Glu His His Leu	
		365	370	375
	Phe Pro Thr Met	Pro Arg His Asn Leu	His Lys Ile Ala Pro Leu	
		380	385	390
25	Val Lys Ser Leu	Cys Ala Lys His Gly	Ile Glu Tyr Gln Glu Lys	
		400	405	410
	Pro Leu Leu Arg	Ala Leu Leu Asp Ile	Ile Arg Ser Leu Lys Lys	
		415	420	425
30	Ser Gly Lys Leu	Trp Leu Asp Ala Tyr	Leu His Lys *** Ser His	
		430	435	440
	Ser Pro Arg Asp	Thr Val Gly Lys Gly	Cys Arg Trp Gly Asp Gly	
		445	450	455
	Gln Arg Asn Asp	Gly Leu Leu Phe ***	Gly Val Ser Glu Arg Leu	
		460	465	470
35	Val Tyr Ala Leu	Leu Thr Asp Pro Met	Leu Asp Leu Ser Pro Phe	
		475	480	485
	Leu Leu Ser Phe	Phe Ser Ser His Leu	Pro His Ser Thr Leu Pro	
		490	495	500
40	Ser Trp Asp Leu	Pro Ser Leu Ser Arg	Gln Pro Ser Ala Met Ala	
		505	510	515
	Leu Pro Val Pro	Pro Ser Pro Phe Phe	Gln Gly Ala Glu Arg Trp	
		520	525	530
	Pro Pro Gly Val	Ala Leu Ser Tyr Leu	His Ser Leu Pro Leu Lys	
		535	540	545
45	Met Gly Gly Asp	Gln Arg Ser Met Gly	Leu Ala Cys Glu Ser Pro	
		550	555	560
	Leu Ala Ala Trp	Ser Leu Gly Ile Thr	Pro Ala Leu Val Leu Gln	
		565	570	575
50	Met Leu Leu Gly	Phe Ile Gly Ala Gly	Pro Ser Arg Ala Gly Pro	
		580	585	590
	Leu Thr Leu Pro	Ala Trp Leu His Ser	Pro *** Arg Leu Pro Leu	
		595	600	605
	Val His Pro Phe	Ile Glu Arg Pro Ala	Leu Leu Gln Ser Ser Gly	
		610	615	620
55	Leu Pro Pro Ala	Ala Arg Leu Ser Thr	Arg Gly Leu Ser *** Asp	
		625	630	635
	Val Gln Gly Pro	Arg Pro Ala Gly Thr	Ala Ser Pro Asn Leu Gly	
		640	645	650
60	Pro Trp Lys Ser	Pro Pro Pro His His	*** Ser Ala Leu Thr Leu	
		655	660	665
	Gly Phe His Gly	Pro His Ser Thr Ala	Ser Pro Thr *** Ala Cys	
		670	675	680
	Asp Leu Gly Thr	Lys Gly Gly Val Pro	Arg Leu Leu *** Leu Ser	
		685	690	695
65	Arg Gly Ser Gly	His Val Gln Gly Gly	Ala Gly Trp Pro Gly Gly	
		700	705	710

5 Ser Ala His Pro Pro Ala Phe Pro Gln Gly Val Leu Arg Ser Lys
 715 720 725
 Ile Leu Glu Gln Ser Asp Pro Ser Pro Lys Ala Leu Leu Ser Ala
 730 735 740
 Gly Gln Cys Gln Pro Ile Pro Gly His Leu Ala Pro Gly Asp Val
 745 750 755
 Gly Pro Xxx

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated nucleic acid comprising:
a nucleotide sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.

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2. A polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence according to claim 1.

3. A purified or isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.

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4. An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.

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5. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said nucleotide sequence has an average A/T content of less than about 60%.

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6. The isolated nucleic acid according to Claim 5, wherein said nucleic acid is derived from a fungus.

7. The isolated nucleic acid according to Claim 6, wherein said fungus is of the genus *Mortierella*.

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8. The isolated nucleic acid according to Claim 7, wherein said fungus is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

9. An isolated nucleic acid, wherein the nucleotide sequence of said nucleic acid is depicted in SEQ ID NO: 1. or SEQ ID NO: 3.

5 10. An isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide is a eukaryotic polypeptide or is derived from a eukaryotic polypeptide.

11. The isolated or purified eukaryotic polypeptide according to Claim 10, wherein said eukaryotic polypeptide is derived from a fungus.

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12. A nucleic acid comprising:

a fungal nucleotide sequence which is substantially identical to a sequence of at least 50 nucleotides in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 or is complementary to a sequence of at least 50 nucleotides in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.

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13. An isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.

20 14. An isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to sequence encoding an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.

25 15. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 is selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues 50-53, 39-43, 172-176, 204-213, and 390-402.

16. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

a nucleotide sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 linked to a heterologous nucleic acid.

17. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

5 a nucleotide sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a microbial cell.

10 18. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 17, wherein said microbial cell is a yeast cell.

19. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 17, wherein said nucleotide sequence is derived from a fungus.

15 20. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 19, wherein said fungus is of the genus *Mortierella*.

20 21. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 20, wherein said fungus is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

22. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

25 a fungal nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleic acid is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a microbial cell, wherein said nucleotide sequence encodes a functionally active polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

23. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

a nucleotide sequence having an A/T content of less than about 60% which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 6$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a yeast cell.

24. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

a fungal nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 12$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a yeast cell.

25. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

a nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23 or Claim 24.

26. The recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 25, wherein said yeast cell is a *Saccharomyces* cell.

27. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

at least one copy of a vector comprising a fungal nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide which converts 18:2 fatty acids to 18:3 fatty acids or 18:3 fatty acids to 18:4 fatty acids, wherein said yeast cell or an ancestor of said yeast cell was transformed with said vector to produce said recombinant yeast cell, and wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant yeast cell.

28. The recombinant yeast cell according to claim 27, wherein said fungal nucleotide sequence is a *Mortierella* nucleotide sequence.

5 29. The recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 28, wherein said recombinant yeast cell is a *Saccharomyces* cell.

30. The microbial cell according to Claim 27, wherein said expression control sequence is provided in said expression vector.

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31. A method for production of GLA in a yeast culture, said method comprising:

growing a yeast culture having a plurality of recombinant yeast cells, wherein said yeast cells or an ancestor of said yeast cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts LA to GLA, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said yeast cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby GLA is produced from LA in said yeast culture.

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20 32. The method according to Claim 31, wherein said fungal DNA is *Mortierella* DNA and said polypeptide is a $\Delta 6$ desaturase.

33. The method according to Claim 32, wherein *Mortierella* is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

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34. The method according to Claim 31, wherein said LA is exogenously supplied.

35. The method according to Claim 31, wherein said conditions are inducible.

5 36. A method for production of stearidonic acid in a yeast culture, said method comprising:

growing a yeast culture having a plurality of recombinant yeast cells, wherein said yeast cells or an ancestor of said yeast cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts α -linolenic acid to stearidonic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said yeast cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby stearidonic acid is produced from α -linolenic acid in said yeast culture.

10 37. The method according to Claim 36, wherein said fungal DNA is *Mortierella* DNA and said polypeptide is a $\Delta 6$ desaturase.

15 38. The method according to Claim 37, wherein *Mortierella* is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

20 39. The method according to Claim 36, wherein said α -linolenic acid is exogenously supplied.

40. The method according to Claim 36, wherein said conditions are inducible.

25 41. A method for production of linoleic acid in a yeast culture, said method comprising:

growing a yeast culture having a plurality of recombinant yeast cells,
wherein said yeast cells or an ancestor of said yeast cells were transformed with a
vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts oleic acid to
linoleic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control
5 sequence functional in said yeast cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is
expressed, whereby linoleic acid is produced from oleic acid in said yeast culture.

10 42. The method according to Claim 41, wherein said fungal DNA is
Mortierella DNA and said polypeptide is a $\Delta 12$ desaturase.

43. The method according to Claim 42, wherein *Mortierella* is of the
species *Mortierella alpina*.

15 44. The method according to Claim 41, wherein said conditions are
inducible.

20 45. An isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid
molecule at carbon 12 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said
polypeptide is a fungal polypeptide or is derived from a fungal polypeptide.

46. The isolated or purified polypeptide according to Claim 46, wherein
said polypeptide is a *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ desaturase.

25 47. An isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid
molecule at carbon 6 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said
polypeptide is a fungal polypeptide or is derived from a fungal polypeptide.

48. The isolated or purified polypeptide according to Claim 48, wherein said polypeptide is a $\Delta 6$ desaturase.

5 49. An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide according to Claim 47 or Claim 49.

10 50. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23, wherein said portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ.ID. NO: 2 comprises amino acids 1 through 457.

51. A host cell comprising:
a nucleic acid construct according to any one of Claims 22 to 24.

15 52. A host cell comprising:
a vector which includes a nucleic acid which encodes a fatty acid desaturase derived from *Mortierella alpina*, wherein said desaturase has an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:2, and wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked to a promoter.

20 53. The host cell according to Claim 52, wherein said host cell is a eukaryotic cell.

25 54. The host cell according to Claim 53, wherein said eukaryotic cell is selected from the group consisting of a mammalian cell, a plant cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell, an avian cell and an algal cell.

55. The host cell according to Claim 54, wherein said host cell is a fungal cell.

56. The host cell of Claim 21, wherein said promoter is exogenously supplied to said host cell.

5 57. A method for production of stearidonic acid in a eukaryotic cell culture, said method comprising:

growing a eukaryotic cell culture having a plurality of recombinant eukaryotic cells, wherein said recombinant eukaryotic cells or ancestors of said recombinant eukaryotic cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal
10 DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts α -linolenic acid to stearidonic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant eukaryotic cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby stearidonic acid is produced from α -linolenic acid in said eukaryotic cell culture.

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58. A method for production of linoleic acid in a eukaryotic cell culture, said method comprising:

growing a eukaryotic cell culture having a plurality of recombinant eukaryotic cells, wherein said recombinant eukaryotic cells or ancestors of said
20 recombinant eukaryotic cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts oleic acid to linoleic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant eukaryotic cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby linoleic acid is produced from oleic acid in said eukaryotic cell culture.

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59. The method according to Claim 57 or Claim 58, wherein said eukaryotic cells are selected from the group consisting of mammalian cells, plant cells, insect cells, fungal cells, avian cells and algal cells.

60. The method according to Claim 59, wherein said fungal cells are yeast cells of the genus *Saccharomyces*.

61. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

- 5 (1) at least one nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23 or 24; or
 (2) at least one nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23 and at least one nucleic acid construct according to Claim 24.

62. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

- 10 at least one nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 6$ desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2, and at least one nucleic acid construct comprising a
15 nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 12$ desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleic acid constructs are operably associated with transcription control sequences functional in a yeast cell.

20 63. A method of making GLA, said method comprising:

 growing a recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 62 under conditions whereby said nucleotide sequences are expressed , whereby GLA is produced in said yeast cell.

25 64. A method of making GLA, said method comprising:

 growing a recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 61 under conditions whereby the nucleotide sequences in said nucleic acid constructs are expressed , whereby GLA is produced in said yeast cell.

65. A method for obtaining altered long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis comprising the steps of:

growing a plant having cells which contain one or more transgenes, derived from a fungus or algae, which encodes a transgene expression product which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at a carbon selected from the group consisting of carbon 6 and carbon 12 from the carboxyl end of said fatty acid molecule, wherein said one or more transgenes is operably associated with an expression control sequence, under conditions whereby said one or more transgenes is expressed, whereby long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis in said cells is altered.

66. The method according to claim 65, wherein said long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of 18:1 ω 9, LA, GLA, SDA and ALA.

67. A microbial oil or fraction thereof produced according to the method of claim 65.

68. A method of treating or preventing malnutrition comprising administering said microbial oil of claim 67 to a patient in need of said treatment or prevention in an amount sufficient to effect said treatment or prevention.

69. A pharmaceutical composition comprising said microbial oil or fraction of claim 67 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

70. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 69, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in the form of a solid or a liquid.

71. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 70, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in a capsule or tablet form.

72. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 69 further comprising at least one nutrient selected from the group consisting of a vitamin, a mineral, a carbohydrate, a sugar, an amino acid, a free fatty acid, a phospholipid, an antioxidant, and a phenolic compound.

73. A nutritional formula comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

74. The nutritional formula of claim 73, wherein said nutritional formula is selected from the group consisting of an infant formula, a dietary supplement, and a dietary substitute.

75. The nutritional formula of claim 74, wherein said infant formula, dietary supplement or dietary supplement is in the form of a liquid or a solid.

76. An infant formula comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

77. The infant formula of claim 76 further comprising at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electrodialysed whey, electrodialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein hydrolysates.

78. The infant formula of claim 77 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper, chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

79. A dietary supplement comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

5 80. The dietary supplement of claim 79 further comprising at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electro dialysed whey, electro dialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein hydrolysates.

10 81. The dietary supplement of claim 80 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper, chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

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82. The dietary supplement of claim 79 or claim 81, wherein said dietary supplement is administered to a human or an animal.

20 83. A dietary substitute comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

25 84. The dietary substitute of claim 83 further comprising at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electro dialysed whey, electro dialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein hydrolysates.

85. The dietary substitute of claim 84 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium,

zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper, chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

5 86. The dietary substitute of claim 83 or claim 85, wherein said dietary substitute is administered to a human or animal.

10 87. A method of treating a patient having a condition caused by insufficient intake or production of polyunsaturated fatty acids comprising administering to said patient said dietary substitute of claim 83 or said dietary supplement of claim 79 in an amount sufficient to effect said treatment.

 88. The method of claim 87, wherein said dietary substitute or said dietary supplement is administered enterally or parenterally.

15 89. A cosmetic comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

 90. The cosmetic of claim 88, wherein said cosmetic is applied topically.

20 91. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 69, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is administered to a human or an animal.

 92. An animal feed comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

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 93. The method of claim 20 wherein said fungus is *Mortierella species*.

94. The method of claim 93 wherein said fungus is *Mortierella alpina*.

95. An isolated peptide sequence selected from the group consisting of
SEQ ID NO:34 - SEQ ID NO:40.

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96. An isolated peptide sequence selected from the group consisting of
SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:25 and SEQ ID NO:26.

10 97. A method for production of gamma-linolenic acid in a eukaryotic cell
culture, said method comprising:

growing a eukaryotic cell culture having a plurality of recombinant
eukaryotic cells, wherein said recombinant eukaryotic cells or ancestors of said
recombinant eukaryotic cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal
DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts linoleic acid to gamma-linolenic acid,
15 wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence
functional in said recombinant eukaryotic cells, under conditions whereby said DNA
is expressed, whereby gamma-linolenic acid is produced from linoleic acid in said
eukaryotic cell culture.

20 98. The method according to Claim 97 wherein said eukaryotic cells are
selected from the group consisting of mammalian cells, plant cells, insect cells,
fungal cells, avian cells and algal cells.

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to fatty acid desaturases able to catalyze the conversion of oleic acid to linoleic acid, linoleic acid to γ -linolenic acid, or of alpha-linolenic acid to stearidonic acid. Nucleic acid sequences encoding desaturases, nucleic acid sequences which hybridize thereto, DNA constructs comprising a desaturase gene, and recombinant host microorganism or animal expressing increased levels of a desaturase are described. Methods for desaturating a fatty acid and for producing a desaturated fatty acid by expressing increased levels of a desaturase are disclosed. Fatty acids, and oils containing them, which have been desaturated by a desaturase produced by recombinant host microorganisms or animals are provided. Pharmaceutical compositions, infant formulas or dietary supplements containing fatty acids which have been desaturated by a desaturase produced by a recombinant host microorganism or animal also are described.

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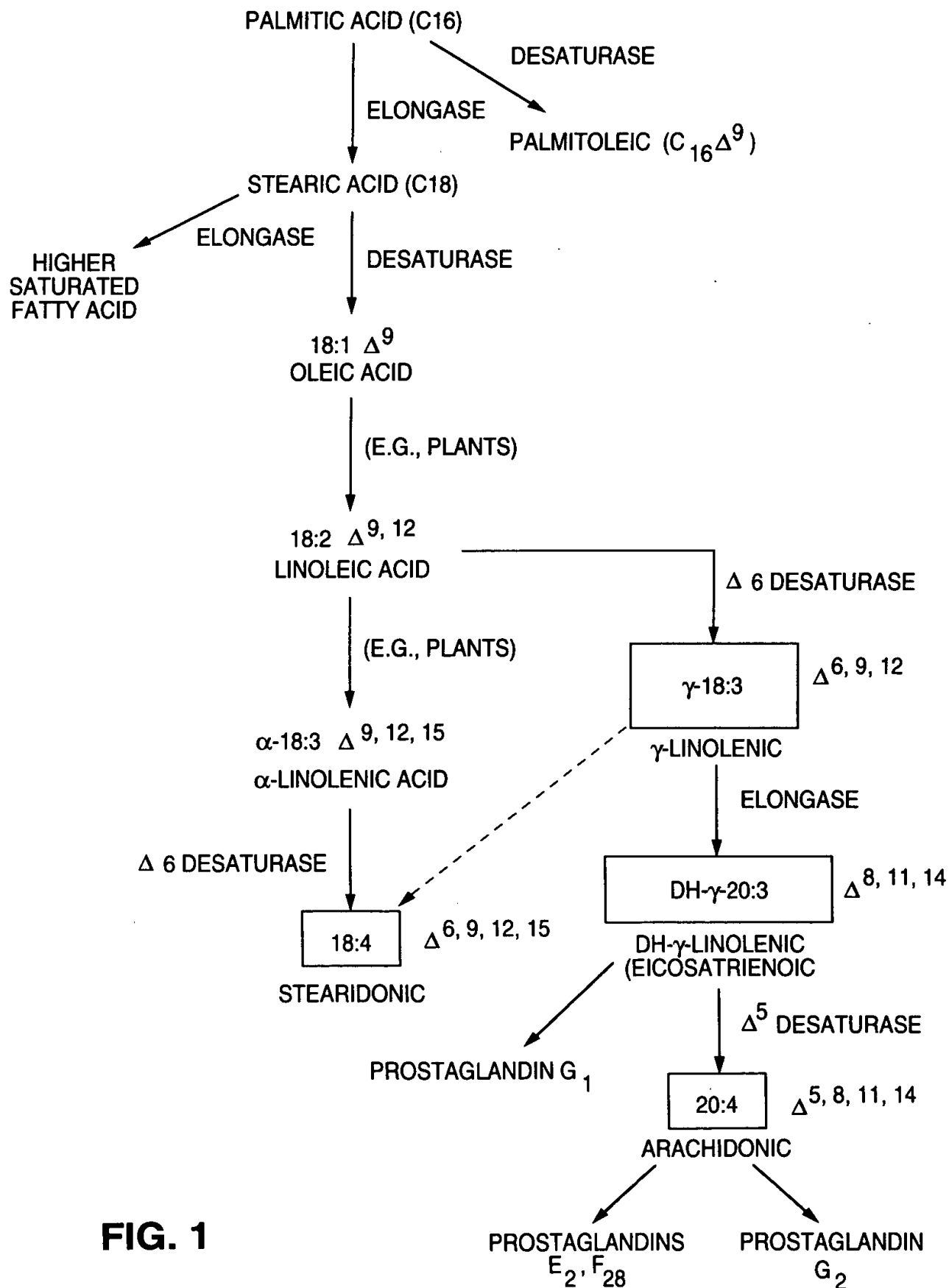


FIG. 1

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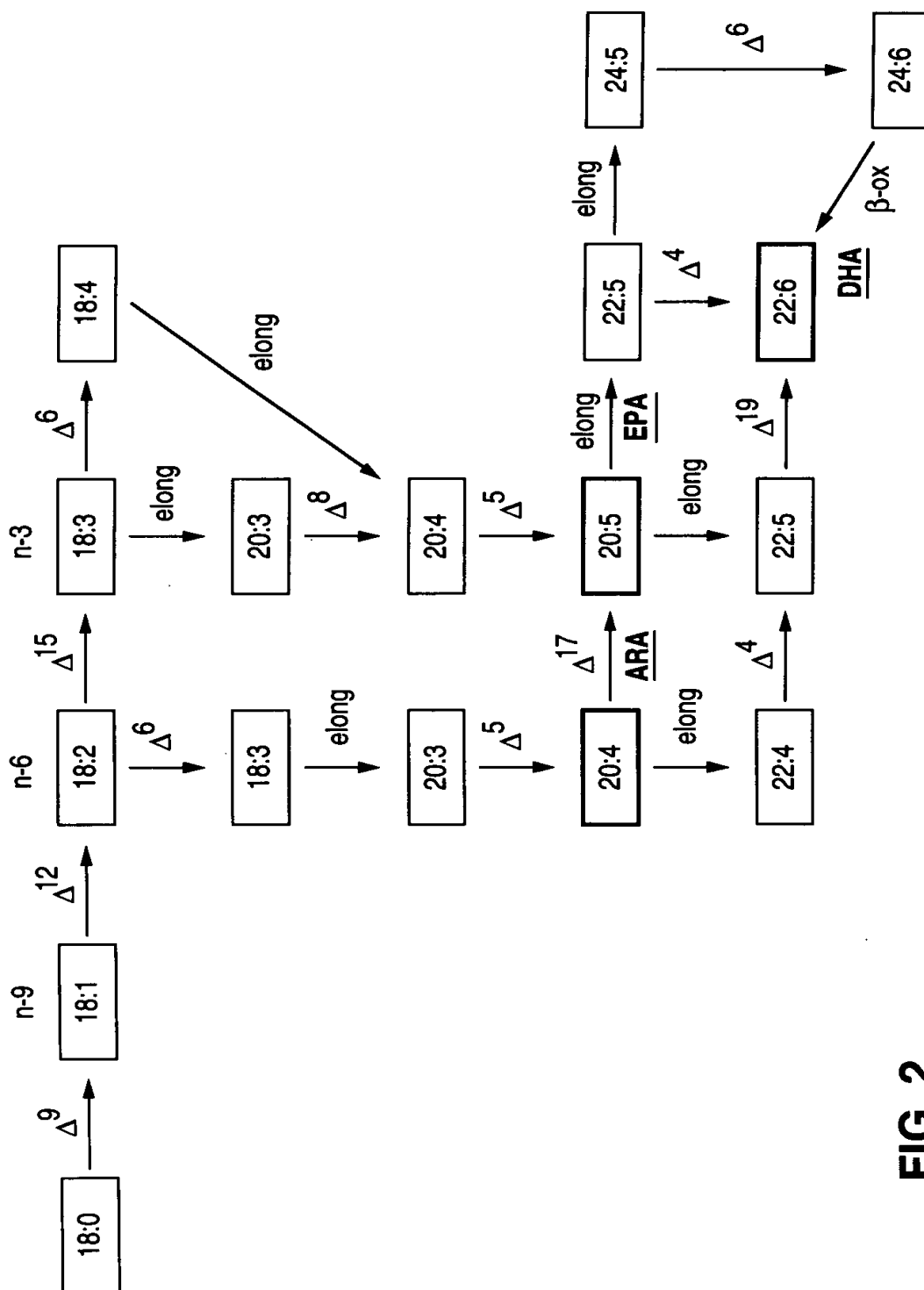


FIG. 2

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CGACACTCCT TCCTTCTTCT CACCCGTCCT AGTCCCCTTC AACCCCCCTC TTTGACAAAG

ACAACAAACC ATG GCT GCT GCT CCC AGT GTG AGG ACG TTT ACT CGG GCC GAG

Met Ala Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Arg Thr Phe Thr Arg Ala Glu

120

GTT TTG AAT GCC GAG GCT CTG AAT GAG GGC AAG AAG GAT GCC GAG GCA
Val Leu Asn Ala Glu Ala Leu Asn Glu Gly Lys Lys Asp Ala Glu Ala

180

CCC TTC TTG ATG ATC ATC GAC AAC AAG GTG TAC GAT GTC CGC GAG TTC
Pro Phe Leu Met Ile Ile Asp Asn Lys Val Tyr Asp Val Arg Glu Phe

240

GTC CCT GAT CAT CCC GGT GGA AGT GTG ATT CTC ACG CAC GTT GGC AAG
Val Pro Asp His Pro Gly Gly Ser Val Ile Leu Thr His Val Gly Lys

300

GAC GGC ACT GAC GTC TTT GAC ACT Thr Phe His Pro Glu Ala Ala Trp Glu
Asp Gly Thr Asp Val Phe Asp TTT CAC CCC GAG GCT GCT TGG GAGACT CTT GCC AAC TTT TAC GTT GGT GAT ATT GAC GAG AGC GAC CGC GAT
Thr Leu Ala Asn Phe Tyr Val Gly Asp Ile Asp Glu Ser Asp Arg Asp

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ATC AAG AAT GAT GAC TTT GCG GCC GAG GTC CGC AAG CTG CGT ACC TTG
Ile Lys Asn Asp Phe Ala Ala Glu Val Arg Lys Leu Arg Thr Leu

FIG. 3A

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420 *
 TTC CAG TCT TCT CTT GGT TAC TAC GAT TCT TCC AAG GCA TAC TAC GCC TTC
 Phe Gln Ser Ser Leu Gly Tyr Tyr Tyr Asp Ser Ser Lys Ala Tyr Tyr Ala Phe
 480 *
 AAG GTC TCG TTC AAC CTC TGC ATC TGG GGT TTG TCG ACG GTC ATT GTG
 Lys Val Ser Ser Phe Asn Leu Cys Ile Trp Gly Leu Ser Thr Val Ile Val
 540 *
 GCC AAG TGG GGC CAG ACC TCG ACC ACC GGC CTC TCG CTC GCT GCG
 Ala Lys Trp Gly Gln Thr Ser Ser Thr Thr Leu Ala Asn Val Leu Ser Ala Ala
 600 *
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 Leu Leu Gly Gly Leu Phe Trp Trp Gln Gln Gln Asp Arg Phe Trp Gly Asp Leu Phe Phe
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 Leu His His Gln Val Phe Phe Gln Gln Asp Asp Arg Phe Trp Gly Asp Leu Phe Gly
 720 *
 GCC TTC TTG GGA GGT GTC GTC GGC GGC TTC TCG TCC TCG TGG TGG AAG
 Ala Phe Leu Gly Gly Val Val Cys Cys Gln Gln Gly Phe Ser Ser Trp Trp Lys
 780 *
 GAC AAG CAC AAC ACT CAC CAC GCC GCC CCC AAC GTC CAC GGC GAG GAT
 Asp Lys His Asn Thr His His Ala Ala Pro Asn Val His Gly Glu Asp

FIG. 3B

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CCC GAC ATT GAC ACC CAC CCT CTG TTG ACC TGG AGT GAG CAT GCG TTG
 Pro Asp Ile Asp Thr His Pro Leu Leu Thr Trp Ser Glu His Ala Leu

GAG ATG TTC TCG GAT GTC AAC CAG ACC TGG TTT TAC TTC CCC ATT CTC TCG
 Glu Met Phe Ser Asp Val Asn Gln Thr Trp Phe Tyr Phe Pro Ile Leu Ser

CGT TTC ATG GTC CTC CTG AAC CAG ACC TGG TTT TAC TTC CCC ATT CTC TCG
 Arg Phe Met Val Leu Asn Gln Thr Trp Phe Tyr Phe Pro Ile Leu Ser

TTT GCC CGT CTC TCC TGG TGC CTC CAG TCC ATT CTC TTT GTG CTG CCT
 Phe Ala Arg Leu Ser Trp Cys Leu Gln Ser Ile Leu Phe Val Leu Pro

AAC GGT CAG GCC CAC AAG CCC TCG GGC GCG CGT GTG CCC ATC TCG TTG
 Asn Gly Gln Ala His Lys Pro Ser Ser Gly Ala Arg Val Pro Ile Ser Leu

GTC GAG CAG CTG TCG CTT GCG ATG CAC TGG ACC TGG TAC CTC GCC ACC
 Val Glu Gln Leu Ser Leu Leu Ala Met His Trp Trp Tyr Leu Ala Thr

ATG TTC CTG TTC ATC AAG GAT CCC GTC AAC ATG CTG GTG TAC TTT TTG
 Met Phe Leu Phe Ile Lys Asp Pro Val Asn Met Leu Val Tyr Phe Leu

GTG TCG CAG GCG GTG TGC GGA AAC TTG TTG GCG ATC GTG TTC TCG CTC
 Val Ser Gln Ala Val Cys Gly Asn Leu Leu Ala Ile Val Phe Ser Leu

FIG. 3C

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1140 *
 AAC CAC AAC GGT ATG CCT GTG ATC TCG AAG GAG GCG GTC GAT ATG
 Asn His Asn Gly Met Pro Val Ile Ser Lys Glu Ala Val Asp Met

 1200 *
 GAT TTC TTC ACG AAG TGG TTC ACG ATC ATC ACG GGT CGT GAT GTC CAC CCG GGT
 Asp Phe Phe Thr Lys Lys Gln Ile Ile Thr Gly Arg Asp Val His Pro Gly

 1260 *
 CTA TTT GCC AAC TGG TTC ACG GGT GGA TTG AAC TAT CAG ATC GAG CAC
 Leu Phe Ala Asn Trp Phe Thr Gly Gly Leu Asn Tyr Gln Ile Glu His

 1320 *
 CAC TTG TTC CCT TCG ATG CCT CGC CAC AAC TTT TCA AAG ATC CAG CCT
 His Leu Phe Pro Ser Met Pro Arg His Asn Phe Ser Lys Ile Gln Pro

 1380 *
 GCT GTC GAG ACC CTG TGC AAA AAG TAC AAT GTC CGA TAC CAC ACC ACC
 Ala Val Glu Thr Leu Cys Lys Lys Tyr Tyr Arg Tyr His Thr Thr

 1440 *
 GGT ATG ATC GAG GGA ACT GCA GAG GTC TTT AGC CGT CTG AAC GAG GTC
 Gly Met Ile Glu Gly Thr Ala Glu Val Phe Ser Arg Leu Asn Glu Val

 1440 *
 TCC AAG GCT GCC TCC AAG ATG GGT AAG GCG CAG TAAAAAAA AAACAAGGAC
 Ser Lys Ala Ala Ser Lys Met Gly Lys Ala Gln

FIG. 3D

1500
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1560
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FIG. 3E

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T42806	X F V F T G F T V T A L Q H I Q F T L N H F A A D V Y V - G P P T G S D W F E K Q A A G T I D I S C R S Y M D W F F G G	88
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12-5	L Q F Q L E H H	252
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W53753		148

FIG. 4B

60
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 180
 A C G A T T T C T T T T A C T C A G C A C C A A C T C A A A A T C C T C A A C C G C A A C C C T T T T C A G G A T G
 Met
 G C A C C T C C C A A C A C T A T C G A T G C C G G T T T G A C C C A G C G T C A T A T C A G C
 A l a P r o P r o A s n T h r I l e A s p A l a G l y L e u T h r G l n A r g H i s I l e S e r
 240
 A C C T C G G C C C A A A C T C G G C C A A G C C T G C C A A G C G C A A C T A C C A G
 T h r S e r A l a P r o A s n S e r A l a L y s P r o A l a P h e G l u A r g A s n T y r G l n
 300
 C T C C C C G A G T T C A C C A T C A A G G A G A T C C G A G A G T G C A T C C C T G C C C A C
 L e u P r o G l u P h e T h r I l e L y s G l u I l e A r g G l u C y s I l e P r o A l a H i s
 360
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 C y s P h e G l u A r g S e r G l y L e u A r g G l y L e u C y s H i s V a l A l a I l e A s p
 420
 C T G A C T T G G G C G T C G C T C T C T T G T T C C T G G T G C C A C C A T C G A C A A G
 L e u T h r T r p A l a S e r L e u L e u P h e L e u A l a A l a T h r G l n I l e A s p L y s
 T T T G A G A A T C C C T T G A T C C G C T A T T T G G C C T G G C C T G T T T A C T G G A T C
 P h e G l u A s n P r o L e u I l e A r g T y r L e u A l a T r p P r o V a l T y r T r p I l e

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FIG. 5A

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480
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 Gly His Gln Ser Phe Ser Thr Ser Lys Thr Leu Asn Asn Thr Val Gly
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 840
 TTC GGA TGG CCC GCG TAC CTG ATT ATG AAC GCC TCT GGC CAA GAC TAC
 Phe Gly Trp Pro Ala Tyr Leu Ile Met Asn Ala Ser Gly Gln Asp Tyr

FIG. 5B

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GGC Gly	CGC Arg	TGG Trp	ACC Thr	TCG Ser	CAC His	CAC his	ACG Thr	TAC Tyr	TCG Ser	CCC Pro	ATC Ile	TTT Phe	GAG Glu	CCC Pro	900 *
CGC Arg	AAC Asn	TTT Phe	TTC Phe	GAC Asp	ATT Ile	ATC Ile	TCG Ser	GAC Asp	CTC Leu	GGT Gly	GTG Val	TTG Leu	GCT Ala	GCC Ala	
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ACC Thr	AAG Lys	TAC Tyr	TAT Tyr	ATT Ile	GTC Val	CCC Pro	TAC Tyr	CTC Leu	GTC Val	AAC Asn	TTT Phe	TGG Trp	TTG Lru	GTC Val	
CTG Leu	ATC Ile	ACC Thr	TTC Phe	TTG Leu	CAG Gln	CAC His	ACC Thr	GAT Asp	AAG Lys	CTG Leu	CCC Pro	CAT His	TAC Tyr	CGC Arg	
GAG Glu	GGT Gly	GCC Ala	TGG Trp	AAT Asn	TTC Phe	CAG Gln	CGT Arg	GGA Gly	GCT Ala	CTT Leu	TGC Cys	GTT Val	GAC Asp	CGC Arg	1140 *
TCG Ser	TTT Phe	GGC Gly	AAG Lys	TTC Phe	TTG Leu	GAC Asp	CAT His	ATG Met	TTC Phe	CAC His	GGC Gly	ATT Ile	GTC Val	ACC Thr	
CAT His	GTG Val	GCC Ala	CAT His	CAC His	TTG Leu	TTC Phe	TCG Ser	CAA Gln	ATG Met	CCG Pro	TTC Phe	TAC Tyr	GCT His	GAG Ala	

FIG. 5C

1260 *

GAA GCT ACC TAT CAT CTC AAG AAA CTG CTG GGA GAG TAC TAT GTG TAC
 Glu Ala Thr Tyr His Leu Lys Lys Leu Leu Gly Glu Tyr Tyr Val Tyr

1320 *

GAC CCA TCC CCG ATC GTG GTT GCG GTC TGG AGG TCG TTC CGT GAG TGC
 Asp Pro Ser Pro Ile Val Val Ala Val Trp Arg Ser Phe Arg Glu Cys

1380 *

CGA TTC GTG GAG GAT CAG GGA GAC GTG GTC TTT TTC AAG AAG TAAAA
 Arg Phe Val Glu Asp Gln Gly Asp Val Val Phe Phe Lys Lys

1440 *

AAAAGACAAT GGACCACACA CAACCTTGTC TCTACAGACC TACGTATCAT GTAGCCATAC

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FIG. 5D

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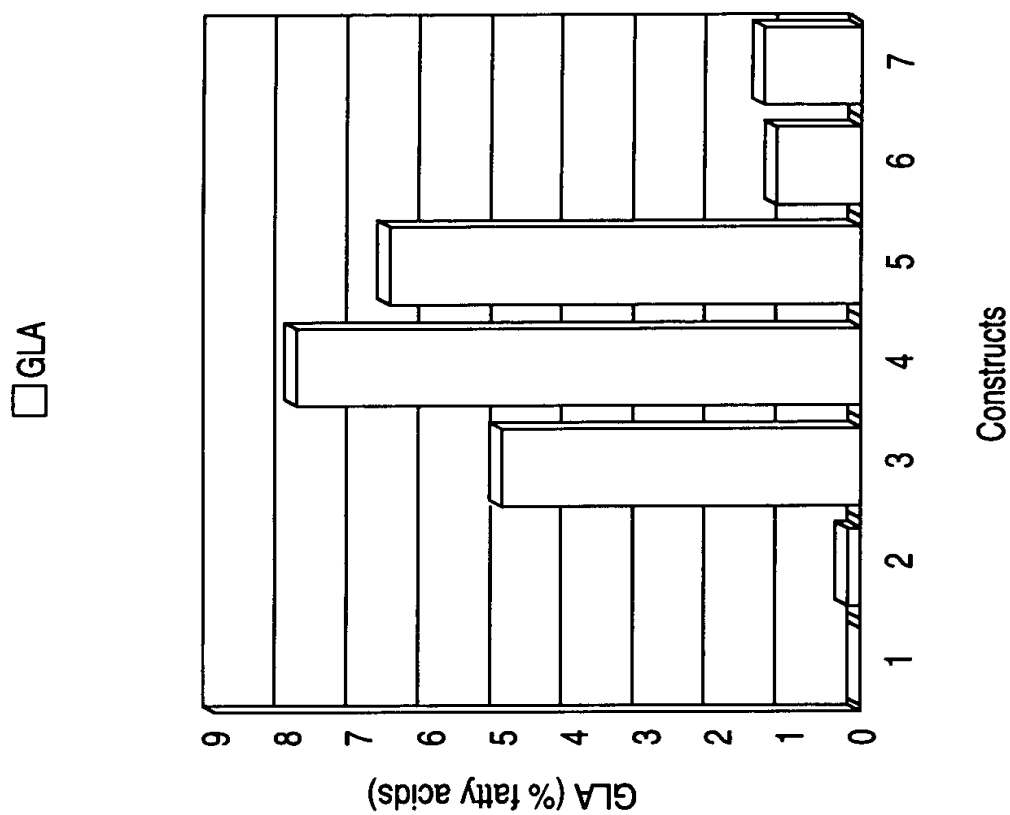


FIG. 6B

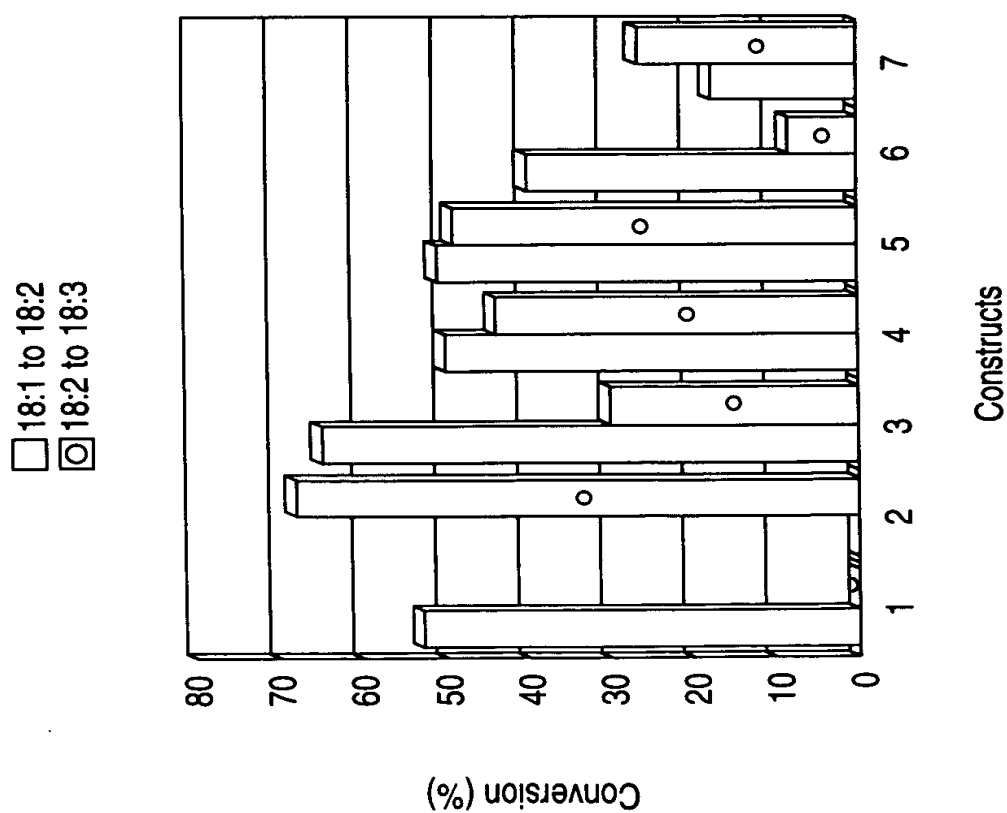


FIG. 6A



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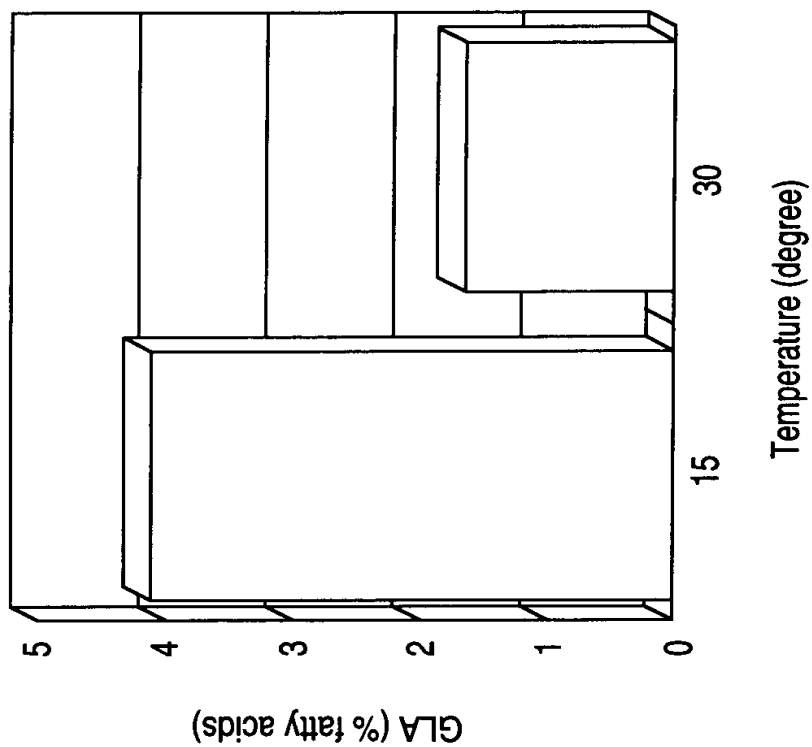


FIG. 8B

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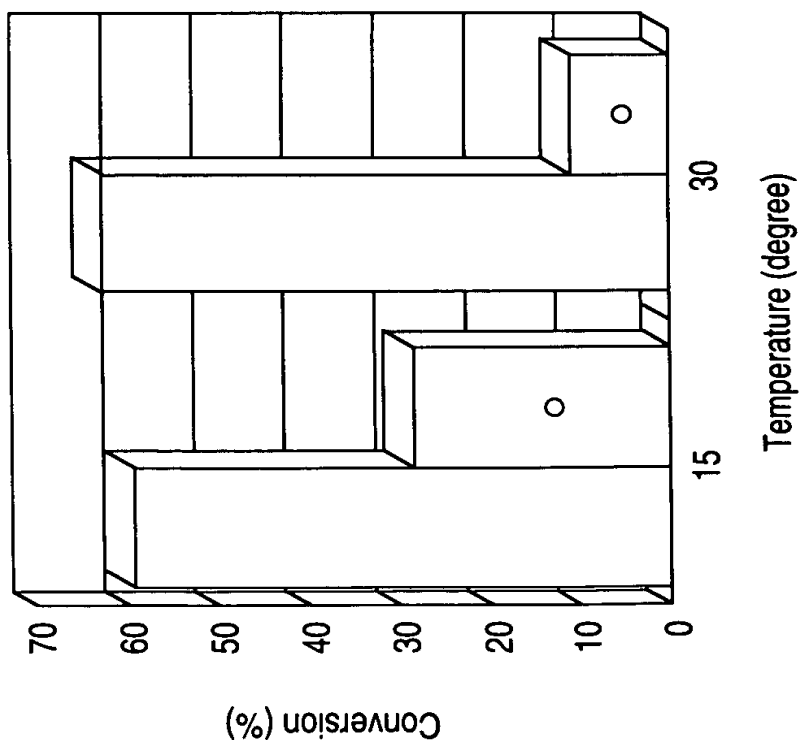


FIG. 8A

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FIG. 9A

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	:	:	:	:	:	:
253538a	230	240	250	260	270	280
	LGEWQP EYGKKKLKYL PYNHQHEYFFL GPPLL PMYFQYQ - - - - I MTMI VHKNWVDL					
	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	:	:
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	NP STWHTVMFWGGKAF FVWYRL VPLQYLP LKGVLL LFTVADMVSSYWLALTFQANHVV					
	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	:	:
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	- - - - AWAVSYY - - - RFFITY - - - I PF - YG LG - ALLFLNF RFLESHWFVWVTQMNH V					
	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	:	:
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	:	:	:	:	:	:
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253538a	400	410	420	430	440	
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FIG. 9B

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SCORES INIT1: 231 INITN: 499 OPT: 401
SMITH-WATERMAN SCORE: 620; 27.3% IDENTITY IN 455 aa OVERLAP

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	AGQDATDPFVAFHINKGLVKKYMNSLLIGELSP	EQPSFEPTKNKELT	DEFREL	RATVERM		
ma524gcg.pep	120	130	140	150	160	170
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	GYDSSKAYYAFKVSFNL	CIWGLSTVIVAKWGQTSTLANVLSAALLGLFWQQCGWLAHDF				
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FIG. 10A

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SCORES INIT1: 231 INITN: 499 OPT: 401
SMITH-WATERMAN SCORE: 620; 27.3% IDENTITY IN 455 aa OVERLAP

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	230	240	250	260	270	
ma524gcg.pep	300	310	320	330	340	349
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	330	340	350	360	370	380
ma524gcg.pep	410	420	430	440	450	
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FIG. 10B

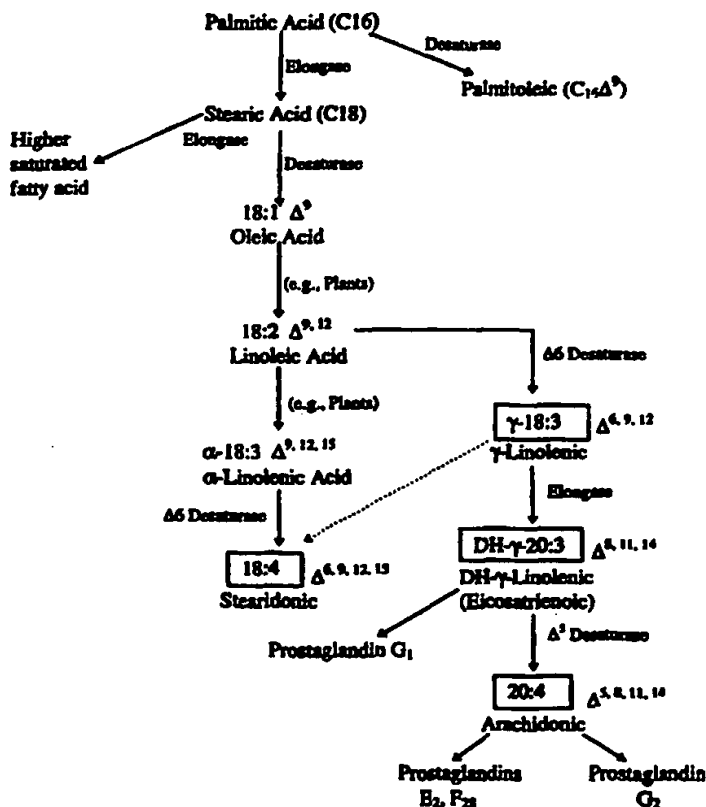


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(54) Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SYNTHESIS OF LONG CHAIN POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS**(57) Abstract**

The present invention relates to fatty acid desaturases able to catalyze the conversion of oleic acid to linoleic acid, linoleic acid to γ -linolenic acid, or of α -linolenic acid to stearidonic acid. Nucleic acid sequences encoding desaturases, nucleic acid sequences which hybridize thereto, DNA constructs comprising a desaturase gene, and recombinant host microorganism or animal expressing increased levels of a desaturase are described. Methods for desaturating a fatty acid and for producing a desaturated fatty acid by expressing increased levels of a desaturase are disclosed. Fatty acids, and oils containing them, which have been desaturated by a desaturase produced by recombinant host microorganisms or animals are provided. Pharmaceutical compositions, infant formulas or dietary supplements containing fatty acids which have been desaturated by a desaturase produced by a recombinant host microorganism or animal also are described.



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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SYNTHESIS OF LONG CHAIN POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS

RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 This application is a continuation-in-part application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/834,655 filed April 11, 1997.

INTRODUCTION

Field of the Invention

10 This invention relates to modulating levels of enzymes and/or enzyme components relating to production of long chain poly-unsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) in a microorganism or animal.

Background

15 Two main families of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) are the ω 3 fatty acids, exemplified by eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), and the ω 6 fatty acids, exemplified by arachidonic acid (ARA). PUFAs are important components of the plasma membrane of the cell, where they may be found in such forms as phospholipids. PUFAs are necessary for proper development, particularly in the developing infant brain, and for tissue formation and repair. PUFAs also serve as precursors to other molecules of importance in human beings and animals, including the prostacyclins, eicosanoids, leukotrienes and prostaglandins. Four major long chain PUFAs of importance include docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and EPA, which are primarily found in different types of fish oil, γ -linolenic acid (GLA), which is found in the seeds of a number of plants, including evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*), borage (*Borago officinalis*) and black
20 currants (*Ribes nigrum*), and stearidonic acid (SDA), which is found in marine oils and plant seeds. Both GLA and another important long chain PUFA, arachidonic acid (ARA), are found in filamentous fungi. ARA can be purified from animal tissues including liver and adrenal gland. GLA, ARA, EPA and
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SDA are themselves, or are dietary precursors to, important long chain fatty acids involved in prostaglandin synthesis, in treatment of heart disease, and in development of brain tissue.

For DHA, a number of sources exist for commercial production including a variety of marine organisms, oils obtained from cold water marine fish, and egg yolk fractions. For ARA, microorganisms including the genera *Mortierella*, *Entomophthora*, *Phytium* and *Porphyridium* can be used for commercial production. Commercial sources of SDA include the genera *Trichodesma* and *Echium*. Commercial sources of GLA include evening primrose, black currants and borage. However, there are several disadvantages associated with commercial production of PUFAs from natural sources. Natural sources of PUFAs, such as animals and plants, tend to have highly heterogeneous oil compositions. The oils obtained from these sources therefore can require extensive purification to separate out one or more desired PUFAs or to produce an oil which is enriched in one or more PUFA. Natural sources also are subject to uncontrollable fluctuations in availability. Fish stocks may undergo natural variation or may be depleted by overfishing. Fish oils have unpleasant tastes and odors, which may be impossible to economically separate from the desired product, and can render such products unacceptable as food supplements. Animal oils, and particularly fish oils, can accumulate environmental pollutants. Weather and disease can cause fluctuation in yields from both fish and plant sources. Cropland available for production of alternate oil-producing crops is subject to competition from the steady expansion of human populations and the associated increased need for food production on the remaining arable land. Crops which do produce PUFAs, such as borage, have not been adapted to commercial growth and may not perform well in monoculture. Growth of such crops is thus not economically competitive where more profitable and better established crops can be grown. Large scale fermentation of organisms such as *Mortierella* is also expensive. Natural animal tissues contain low amounts of ARA and are difficult to process. Microorganisms such as *Porphyridium* and *Mortierella* are difficult to cultivate on a commercial scale.

Dietary supplements and pharmaceutical formulations containing PUFAs can retain the disadvantages of the PUFA source. Supplements such as fish oil capsules can contain low levels of the particular desired component and thus require large dosages. High dosages result in ingestion of high levels of undesired components, including contaminants. Unpleasant tastes and odors of the supplements can make such regimens undesirable, and may inhibit compliance by the patient. Care must be taken in providing fatty acid supplements, as overaddition may result in suppression of endogenous biosynthetic pathways and lead to competition with other necessary fatty acids in various lipid fractions *in vivo*, leading to undesirable results. For example, Eskimos having a diet high in ω 3 fatty acids have an increased tendency to bleed (U.S. Pat. No. 4,874,603).

A number of enzymes are involved in PUFA biosynthesis. Linoleic acid (LA, 18:2 Δ 9, 12) is produced from oleic acid (18:1 Δ 9) by a Δ 12-desaturase. GLA (18:3 Δ 6, 9, 12) is produced from linoleic acid (LA, 18:2 Δ 9, 12) by a Δ 6-desaturase. ARA (20:4 Δ 5, 8, 11, 14) production from dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (DGLA, 20:3 Δ 8, 11, 14) is catalyzed by a Δ 5-desaturase. However, animals cannot desaturate beyond the Δ 9 position and therefore cannot convert oleic acid (18:1 Δ 9) into linoleic acid (18:2 Δ 9, 12). Likewise, α -linolenic acid (ALA, 18:3 Δ 9, 12, 15) cannot be synthesized by mammals. Other eukaryotes, including fungi and plants, have enzymes which desaturate at positions Δ 12 and Δ 15. The major poly-unsaturated fatty acids of animals therefore are either derived from diet and/or from desaturation and elongation of linoleic acid (18:2 Δ 9, 12) or α -linolenic acid (18:3 Δ 9, 12, 15). Therefore it is of interest to obtain genetic material involved in PUFA biosynthesis from species that naturally produce these fatty acids and to express the isolated material in a microbial or animal system which can be manipulated to provide production of commercial quantities of one or more PUFAs. Thus there is a need for fatty acid desaturases, genes encoding them, and recombinant methods of producing them. A need further exists for oils containing higher relative proportions of and/or

enriched in specific PUFAs. A need also exists for reliable economical methods of producing specific PUFAs.

Relevant Literature

Production of γ -linolenic acid by a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase is described in USPN 5,552,306. Production of 8, 11-eicosadienoic acid using *Mortierella alpina* is disclosed in USPN 5,376,541. Production of docosahexaenoic acid by dinoflagellates is described in USPN 5,407,957. Cloning of a $\Delta 6$ -palmitoyl-acyl carrier protein desaturase is described in PCT publication WO 96/13591 and USPN 5,614,400. Cloning of a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase from borage is described in PCT publication WO 96/21022. Cloning of $\Delta 9$ -desaturases is described in the published patent applications PCT WO 91/13972, EP 0 550 162 A1, EP 0 561 569 A2, EP 0 644 263 A2, and EP 0 736 598 A1, and in USPN 5,057,419. Cloning of $\Delta 12$ -desaturases from various organisms is described in PCT publication WO 94/11516 and USPN 5,443,974. Cloning of $\Delta 15$ -desaturases from various organisms is described in PCT publication WO 93/11245. All publications and U.S. patents or applications referred to herein are hereby incorporated in their entirety by reference.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Novel compositions and methods are provided for preparation of poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acids. The compositions include nucleic acid encoding a $\Delta 6$ - and $\Delta 12$ - desaturase and/or polypeptides having $\Delta 6$ - and/or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity, the polypeptides, and probes isolating and detecting the same. The methods involve growing a host microorganism or animal expressing an introduced gene or genes encoding at least one desaturase, particularly a $\Delta 6$ -, $\Delta 9$ -, $\Delta 12$ - or $\Delta 15$ -desaturase. The methods also involve the use of antisense constructs or gene disruptions to decrease or eliminate the expression level of undesired desaturases. Regulation of expression of the desaturase polypeptide(s) provides for a relative increase in desired desaturated PUFAs as a result of altered concentrations of enzymes and substrates involved

in PUFA biosynthesis. The invention finds use, for example, in the large scale production of GLA, DGLA, ARA, EPA, DHA and SDA.

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, an isolated nucleic acid comprising: a nucleotide sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3), a polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence according Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3), and a purified or isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4). In another embodiment of the invention, provided is an isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4).

Also provided is an isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end, wherein said nucleotide sequence has an average A/T content of less than about 60%. In a preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid is derived from a fungus, such as a fungus of the genus *Mortierella*. More preferred is a fungus of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

In another preferred embodiment of the invention, an isolated nucleic acid is provided wherein the nucleotide sequence of the nucleic acid is depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). The invention also provides an isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end, wherein the polypeptide is a eukaryotic polypeptide or is derived from a eukaryotic polypeptide, where a preferred eukaryotic polypeptide is derived from a fungus.

The present invention further includes a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes to Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). Preferred is an isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). The invention also includes an isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). In a preferred embodiment, the

nucleic acid of the invention includes a nucleotide sequence which encodes an amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-D (SEQ ID NO: 2) which is selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues 50-53, 39-43, 172-176, 204-213, and 390-402.

5 Also provided by the present invention is a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence depicted in a Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3) linked to a heterologous nucleic acid. In another embodiment, a nucleic acid construct is provided which comprises a nucleotide sequence depicted in a Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3) operably associated with an expression control sequence
10 functional in a host cell. The host cell is either eukaryotic or prokaryotic. Preferred eukaryotic host cells are those selected from the group consisting of a mammalian cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell, and an algae cell. Preferred mammalian cells include an avian cell, a preferred fungal cell includes a yeast
15 cell, and a preferred algae cell is a marine algae cell. Preferred prokaryotic cells include those selected from the group consisting of a bacteria, a cyanobacteria, cells which contain a bacteriophage, and/or a virus. The DNA sequence of the recombinant host cell preferably contains a promoter which is functional in the host cell, which promoter is preferably inducible. In a more preferred
20 embodiment, the microbial cell is a fungal cell of the genus *Mortierella*, with a more preferred fungus is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

 In addition, the present invention provides a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to an amino
25 acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4), wherein the nucleic acid is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a microbial cell, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a functionally active polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or carbon 12 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid
30 molecule. Another embodiment of the present invention is a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 6$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is

complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2), wherein the nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a host cell.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 12$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4), wherein the nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a host cell. The host cell, is either a eukaryotic or prokaryotic host cell. Preferred eukaryotic host cells are those selected from the group consisting of a mammalian cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell, and an algae cell. Preferred mammalian cells include an avian cell, a preferred fungal cell includes a yeast cell, and a preferred algae cell is a marine algae cell. Preferred prokaryotic cells include those selected from the group consisting of a bacteria, a cyanobacteria, cells which contain a bacteriophage, and/or a virus. The DNA sequence of the recombinant host cell preferably contains a promoter which is functional in the host cell and which preferably is inducible. A preferred recombinant host cell is a microbial cell such as a yeast cell, such as a *Saccharomyces* cell.

The present invention also provides a recombinant microbial cell comprising at least one copy of a nucleic acid which encodes a functionally active *Mortierella alpina* fatty acid desaturase having an amino acid sequence as depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2), wherein the cell or a parent of the cell was transformed with a vector comprising said DNA sequence, and wherein the DNA sequence is operably associated with an expression control sequence. In a preferred embodiment, the cell is a microbial cell which is enriched in 18:2 fatty acids, particularly where the microbial cell is from a genus selected from the group consisting of a prokaryotic cell and eukaryotic cell. In another preferred embodiment, the microbial cell according to the invention includes an expression control sequence which is endogenous to the microbial cell.

Also provided by the present invention is a method for production of GLA in a host cell, where the method comprises growing a host culture having a plurality of host cells which contain one or more nucleic acids encoding a polypeptide which converts LA to GLA, wherein said one or more nucleic acids is operably associated with an expression control sequence, under conditions whereby said one or more nucleic acids are expressed, whereby GLA is produced in the host cell. In several preferred embodiments of the methods, the polypeptide employed in the method is a functionally active enzyme which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule; the said one or more nucleic acids is derived from a *Mortierella alpina*; the substrate for the polypeptide is exogenously supplied; the host cells are microbial cells; the microbial cells are yeast cells, such as *Saccharomyces* cells; and the growing conditions are inducible.

Also provided is an oil comprising one or more PUFA, wherein the amount of said one or more PUFAs is approximately 0.3-30% arachidonic acid (ARA), approximately 0.2-30% dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (DGLA), and approximately 0.2-30% γ -linoleic acid (GLA). A preferred oil of the invention is one in which the ratio of ARA:DGLA:GLA is approximately 1.0:19.0:30 to 6.0:1.0:0.2. Another preferred embodiment of the invention is a pharmaceutical composition comprising the oils in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Further provided is a nutritional composition comprising the oils of the invention. The nutritional compositions of the invention preferably are administered to a mammalian host parenterally or internally. A preferred composition of the invention for internal consumption is an infant formula. In a preferred embodiment, the nutritional compositions of the invention are in a liquid form or a solid form, and can be formulated in or as a dietary supplement, and the oils provided in encapsulated form. The oils of the invention can be free of particular components of other oils and can be derived from a microbial cell, such as a yeast cell.

The present invention further provides a method for desaturating a fatty acid. In a preferred embodiment the method comprises culturing a recombinant microbial cell according to the invention under conditions suitable for

expression of a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, wherein the host cell further comprises a fatty acid substrate of said polypeptide. Also provided is a fatty acid desaturated by such a method, and an oil composition comprising a fatty acid produced according to the methods of the invention.

5 The present invention further includes a purified nucleotide sequence or polypeptide sequence that is substantially related or homologous to the nucleotide and peptide sequences presented in SEQ ID NO:1 - SEQ ID NO:40. The present invention is further directed to methods of using the sequences presented in SEQ ID NO:1 to SEQ ID NO:40 as probes to identify related
10 sequences, as components of expression systems and as components of systems useful for producing transgenic oil.

 The present invention is further directed to formulas, dietary supplements or dietary supplements in the form of a liquid or a solid containing the long chain fatty acids of the invention. These formulas and supplements
15 may be administered to a human or an animal.

 The formulas and supplements of the invention may further comprise at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electrodialysed whey, electrodialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein
20 hydrolysates.

 The formulas of the present invention may further include at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper,
25 chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

 The present invention is further directed to a method of treating a patient having a condition caused by insufficient intake or production of polyunsaturated fatty acids comprising administering to the patient a dietary substitute of the invention in an amount sufficient to effect treatment of the patient.

30 The present invention is further directed to cosmetic and pharmaceutical compositions of the material of the invention.

The present invention is further directed to transgenic oils in pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. The present invention is further directed to nutritional supplements, cosmetic agents and infant formulae containing transgenic oils.

5 The present invention is further directed to a method for obtaining altered long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis comprising the steps of: growing a microbe having cells which contain a transgene which encodes a transgene expression product which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of said fatty acid molecule, wherein the transgene
10 is operably associated with an expression control sequence, under conditions whereby the transgene is expressed, whereby long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis in the cells is altered.

 The present invention is further directed toward pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one nutrient selected from the group consisting
15 of a vitamin, a mineral, a carbohydrate, a sugar, an amino acid, a free fatty acid, a phospholipid, an antioxidant, and a phenolic compound.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

 Figure 1 shows possible pathways for the synthesis of arachidonic acid
20 (20:4 Δ 5, 8, 11, 14) and stearidonic acid (18:4 Δ 6, 9, 12, 15) from palmitic acid (C_{16}) from a variety of organisms, including algae, *Mortierella* and humans. These PUFAs can serve as precursors to other molecules important for humans and other animals, including prostacyclins, leukotrienes, and prostaglandins, some of which are shown.

25 Figure 2 shows possible pathways for production of PUFAs in addition to ARA, including EPA and DHA, again compiled from a variety of organisms.

 Figure 3A-E shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* Δ 6-desaturase and the deduced amino acid sequence:

 Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO 1 Δ 6 DESATURASE cDNA)

Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO 2 $\Delta 6$ DESATURASE AMINO ACID)

Figure 4 shows an alignment of a portion of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amino acid sequence with other related sequences.

5 Figure 5A-D shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase and the deduced amino acid sequence:

Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO 3 $\Delta 12$ DESATURASE cDNA)

Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO 4 $\Delta 12$ DESATURASE AMINO ACID).

Figures 6A and 6B show the effect of different expression constructs on expression of GLA in yeast.

10 Figures 7A and 7B show the effect of host strain on GLA production.

Figures 8A and 8B show the effect of temperature on GLA production in *S. cerevisiae* strain SC334.

Figure 9 shows alignments of the protein sequence of the Ma 29 and contig 253538a.

15 Figure 10 shows alignments of the protein sequence of Ma 524 and contig 253538a.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEQUENCE LISTINGS

SEQ ID NO:1 shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase.

20 SEQ ID NO:2 shows the protein sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase.

SEQ ID NO:3 shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase.

25 SEQ ID NO:4 shows the protein sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase.

SEQ ID NO:5-11 show various desaturase sequences.

SEQ ID NO:13-18 show various PCR primer sequences.

SEQ ID NO:19 and SEQ ID NO:20 show the nucleotide and amino acid sequence of a *Dictyostelium discoideum* desaturase.

5 SEQ ID NO:21 and SEQ ID NO:22 show the nucleotide and amino acid sequence of a *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* desaturase.

SEQ ID NO:23-26 show the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequence of a *Schizochytrium* cDNA clone.

SEQ ID NO: 27-33 show nucleotide sequences for human desaturases.

10 SEQ ID NO:34 - SEQ ID NO:40 show peptide sequences for human desaturases.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In order to ensure a complete understanding of the invention, the following definitions are provided:

15 **$\Delta 5$ -Desaturase:** $\Delta 5$ desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 5 and 6 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

$\Delta 6$ -Desaturase: $\Delta 6$ -desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 6 and 7 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

$\Delta 9$ -Desaturase: $\Delta 9$ -desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 9 and 10 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

20 **$\Delta 12$ -Desaturase:** $\Delta 12$ -desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 12 and 13 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

25 **Fatty Acids:** Fatty acids are a class of compounds containing a long hydrocarbon chain and a terminal carboxylate group. Fatty acids include the following:

Fatty Acid		
12:0	lauric acid	
16:0	palmitic acid	

Fatty Acid		
16:1	palmitoleic acid	
18:0	stearic acid	
18:1	oleic acid	$\Delta 9-18:1$
18:2 $\Delta 5,9$	taxoleic acid	$\Delta 5,9-18:2$
18:2 $\Delta 6,9$	6,9-octadecadienoic acid	$\Delta 6,9-18:2$
18:2	Linolenic acid	$\Delta 9,12-18:2$ (LA)
18:3 $\Delta 6,9,12$	Gamma-linolenic acid	$\Delta 6,9,12-18:3$ (GLA)
18:3 $\Delta 5,9,12$	Pinolenic acid	$\Delta 5,9,12-18:3$
18:3	alpha-linoleic acid	$\Delta 9,12,15-18:3$ (ALA)
18:4	stearidonic acid	$\Delta 6,9,12,15-18:4$ (SDA)
20:0	Arachidic acid	
20:1	Eicosenic Acid	
22:0	behehic acid	
22:1	erucic acid	
22:2	docasadienoic acid	
20:4 $\omega 6$	arachidonic acid	$\Delta 5,8,11,14-20:4$ (ARA)
20:3 $\omega 6$	$\omega 6$ -eicosatrienoic dihomo-gamma linolenic	$\Delta 8,11,14-20:3$ (DGLA)
20:5 $\omega 3$	Eicosapentanoic (Timnodonic acid)	$\Delta 5,8,11,14,17-20:5$ (EPA)
20:3 $\omega 3$	$\omega 3$ -eicosatrienoic	$\Delta 11,16,17-20:3$
20:4 $\omega 3$	$\omega 3$ -eicosatetraenoic	$\Delta 8,11,14,17-20:4$
22:5 $\omega 3$	Docosapentaenoic	$\Delta 7,10,13,16,19-22:5$ ($\omega 3$ DPA)
22:6 $\omega 3$	Docosahexaenoic (cervonic acid)	$\Delta 4,7,10,13,16,19-22:6$ (DHA)
24:0	Lignoceric acid	

Taking into account these definitions, the present invention is directed to novel DNA sequences, DNA constructs, methods and compositions are provided which permit modification of the poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acid content of, for example, microbial cells or animals. Host cells are manipulated to express a sense or antisense transcript of a DNA encoding a polypeptide(s) which catalyzes the desaturation of a fatty acid. The substrate(s) for the expressed enzyme may be produced by the host cell or may be exogenously supplied. To achieve expression, the transformed DNA is

operably associated with transcriptional and translational initiation and termination regulatory regions that are functional in the host cell. Constructs comprising the gene to be expressed can provide for integration into the genome of the host cell or can autonomously replicate in the host cell. For production of linoleic acid (LA), the expression cassettes generally used include a cassette which provides for $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity, particularly in a host cell which produces or can take up oleic acid (U.S. Patent No. 5,443,974). Production of LA also can be increased by providing an expression cassette for a $\Delta 9$ -desaturase where that enzymatic activity is limiting. For production of ALA, the expression cassettes generally used include a cassette which provides for $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ -desaturase activity, particularly in a host cell which produces or can take up LA. For production of GLA or SDA, the expression cassettes generally used include a cassette which provides for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity, particularly in a host cell which produces or can take up LA or ALA, respectively. Production of $\omega 6$ -type unsaturated fatty acids, such as LA or GLA, is favored in a host microorganism or animal which is incapable of producing ALA. The host ALA production can be removed, reduced and/or inhibited by inhibiting the activity of a $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ - type desaturase (see Figure 2). This can be accomplished by standard selection, providing an expression cassette for an antisense $\Delta 15$ or $\omega 3$ transcript, by disrupting a target $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ -desaturase gene through insertion, deletion, substitution of part or all of the target gene, or by adding an inhibitor of $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ -desaturase. Similarly, production of LA or ALA is favored in a microorganism or animal having $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity by providing an expression cassette for an antisense $\Delta 6$ transcript, by disrupting a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene, or by use of a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase inhibitor.

MICROBIAL PRODUCTION OF FATTY ACIDS

Microbial production of fatty acids has several advantages over purification from natural sources such as fish or plants. Many microbes are known with greatly simplified oil compositions compared with those of higher organisms, making purification of desired components easier. Microbial production is not subject to fluctuations caused by external variables such as

weather and food supply. Microbially produced oil is substantially free of contamination by environmental pollutants. Additionally, microbes can provide PUFAs in particular forms which may have specific uses. For example, *Spirulina* can provide PUFAs predominantly at the first and third positions of triglycerides; digestion by pancreatic lipases preferentially releases fatty acids from these positions. Following human or animal ingestion of triglycerides derived from *Spirulina*, these PUFAs are released by pancreatic lipases as free fatty acids and thus are directly available, for example, for infant brain development. Additionally, microbial oil production can be manipulated by controlling culture conditions, notably by providing particular substrates for microbially expressed enzymes, or by addition of compounds which suppress undesired biochemical pathways. In addition to these advantages, production of fatty acids from recombinant microbes provides the ability to alter the naturally occurring microbial fatty acid profile by providing new synthetic pathways in the host or by suppressing undesired pathways, thereby increasing levels of desired PUFAs, or conjugated forms thereof, and decreasing levels of undesired PUFAs.

PRODUCTION OF FATTY ACIDS IN ANIMALS

Production of fatty acids in animals also presents several advantages. Expression of desaturase genes in animals can produce greatly increased levels of desired PUFAs in animal tissues, making recovery from those tissues more economical. For example, where the desired PUFAs are expressed in the breast milk of animals, methods of isolating PUFAs from animal milk are well established. In addition to providing a source for purification of desired PUFAs, animal breast milk can be manipulated through expression of desaturase genes, either alone or in combination with other human genes, to provide animal milks substantially similar to human breast milk during the different stages of infant development. Humanized animal milks could serve as infant formulas where human nursing is impossible or undesired, or in cases of malnourishment or disease.

Depending upon the host cell, the availability of substrate, and the desired end product(s), several polypeptides, particularly desaturases, are of

interest. By "desaturase" is intended a polypeptide which can desaturate one or more fatty acids to produce a mono- or poly-unsaturated fatty acid or precursor thereof of interest. Of particular interest are polypeptides which can catalyze the conversion of stearic acid to oleic acid, of oleic acid to LA, of LA to ALA, of LA to GLA, or of ALA to SDA, which includes enzymes which desaturate at the $\Delta 9$, $\Delta 12$, ($\omega 6$), $\Delta 15$, ($\omega 3$) or $\Delta 6$ positions. By "polypeptide" is meant any chain of amino acids, regardless of length or post-translational modification, for example, glycosylation or phosphorylation. Considerations for choosing a specific polypeptide having desaturase activity include the pH optimum of the polypeptide, whether the polypeptide is a rate limiting enzyme or a component thereof, whether the desaturase used is essential for synthesis of a desired poly-unsaturated fatty acid, and/or co-factors required by the polypeptide. The expressed polypeptide preferably has parameters compatible with the biochemical environment of its location in the host cell. For example, the polypeptide may have to compete for substrate with other enzymes in the host cell. Analyses of the K_m and specific activity of the polypeptide in question therefore are considered in determining the suitability of a given polypeptide for modifying PUFA production in a given host cell. The polypeptide used in a particular situation is one which can function under the conditions present in the intended host cell but otherwise can be any polypeptide having desaturase activity which has the desired characteristic of being capable of modifying the relative production of a desired PUFA.

For production of linoleic acid from oleic acid, the DNA sequence used encodes a polypeptide having $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity. For production of GLA from linoleic acid, the DNA sequence used encodes a polypeptide having $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity. In particular instances, expression of $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity can be coupled with expression of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity and the host cell can optionally be depleted of any $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity present, for example by providing a transcription cassette for production of antisense sequences to the $\Delta 15$ -desaturase transcription product, by disrupting the $\Delta 15$ -desaturase gene, or by using a host cell which naturally has, or has been mutated to have, low $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity. Inhibition of undesired desaturase pathways also can be

accomplished through the use of specific desaturase inhibitors such as those described in U.S. Patent No. 4,778,630. Also, a host cell for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase expression may have, or have been mutated to have, high $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity. The choice of combination of cassettes used depends in part on the PUFA profile and/or desaturase profile of the host cell. Where the host cell expresses $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity and lacks or is depleted in $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity, overexpression of $\Delta 6$ -desaturase alone generally is sufficient to provide for enhanced GLA production. Where the host cell expresses $\Delta 9$ -desaturase activity, expression of a $\Delta 12$ - and a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase can provide for enhanced GLA production. When $\Delta 9$ -desaturase activity is absent or limiting, an expression cassette for $\Delta 9$ -desaturase can be used. A scheme for the synthesis of arachidonic acid ($20:4 \Delta^{5,8,11,14}$) from stearic acid ($18:0$) is shown in Figure 2. A key enzyme in this pathway is a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase which converts the linoleic acid into γ -linolenic acid. Conversion of α -linolenic acid (ALA) to stearidonic acid by a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase also is shown.

SOURCES OF POLYPEPTIDES HAVING DESATURASE ACTIVITY

A source of polypeptides having desaturase activity and oligonucleotides encoding such polypeptides are organisms which produce a desired poly-unsaturated fatty acid. As an example, microorganisms having an ability to produce GLA or ARA can be used as a source of $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ - desaturase activity. Such microorganisms include, for example, those belonging to the genera *Mortierella*, *Conidiobolus*, *Pythium*, *Phytophthora*, *Penicillium*, *Porphyridium*, *Coidosporium*, *Mucor*, *Fusarium*, *Aspergillus*, *Rhodotorula*, and *Entomophthora*. Within the genus *Porphyridium*, of particular interest is *Porphyridium cruentum*. Within the genus *Mortierella*, of particular interest are *Mortierella elongata*, *Mortierella exigua*, *Mortierella hygrophila*, *Mortierella ramanniana*, var. *angulispora*, and *Mortierella alpina*. Within the genus *Mucor*, of particular interest are *Mucor circinelloides* and *Mucor javanicus*.

DNAs encoding desired desaturases can be identified in a variety of ways. As an example, a source of the desired desaturase, for example genomic

or cDNA libraries from *Mortierella*, is screened with detectable enzymatically- or chemically-synthesized probes, which can be made from DNA, RNA, or non-naturally occurring nucleotides, or mixtures thereof. Probes may be enzymatically synthesized from DNAs of known desaturases for normal or reduced-stringency hybridization methods. Oligonucleotide probes also can be used to screen sources and can be based on sequences of known desaturases, including sequences conserved among known desaturases, or on peptide sequences obtained from the desired purified protein. Oligonucleotide probes based on amino acid sequences can be degenerate to encompass the degeneracy of the genetic code, or can be biased in favor of the preferred codons of the source organism. Oligonucleotides also can be used as primers for PCR from reverse transcribed mRNA from a known or suspected source; the PCR product can be the full length cDNA or can be used to generate a probe to obtain the desired full length cDNA. Alternatively, a desired protein can be entirely sequenced and total synthesis of a DNA encoding that polypeptide performed.

Once the desired genomic or cDNA has been isolated, it can be sequenced by known methods. It is recognized in the art that such methods are subject to errors, such that multiple sequencing of the same region is routine and is still expected to lead to measurable rates of mistakes in the resulting deduced sequence, particularly in regions having repeated domains, extensive secondary structure, or unusual base compositions, such as regions with high GC base content. When discrepancies arise, resequencing can be done and can employ special methods. Special methods can include altering sequencing conditions by using: different temperatures; different enzymes; proteins which alter the ability of oligonucleotides to form higher order structures; altered nucleotides such as ITP or methylated dGTP; different gel compositions, for example adding formamide; different primers or primers located at different distances from the problem region; or different templates such as single stranded DNAs. Sequencing of mRNA also can be employed.

For the most part, some or all of the coding sequence for the polypeptide having desaturase activity is from a natural source. In some situations, however, it is desirable to modify all or a portion of the codons, for example, to

enhance expression, by employing host preferred codons. Host preferred codons can be determined from the codons of highest frequency in the proteins expressed in the largest amount in a particular host species of interest. Thus, the coding sequence for a polypeptide having desaturase activity can be synthesized in whole or in part. All or portions of the DNA also can be synthesized to remove any destabilizing sequences or regions of secondary structure which would be present in the transcribed mRNA. All or portions of the DNA also can be synthesized to alter the base composition to one more preferable in the desired host cell. Methods for synthesizing sequences and bringing sequences together are well established in the literature. *In vitro* mutagenesis and selection, site-directed mutagenesis, or other means can be employed to obtain mutations of naturally occurring desaturase genes to produce a polypeptide having desaturase activity *in vivo* with more desirable physical and kinetic parameters for function in the host cell, such as a longer half-life or a higher rate of production of a desired polyunsaturated fatty acid.

Mortierella alpina Desaturase

Of particular interest is the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase, which has 457 amino acids and a predicted molecular weight of 51.8 kD; the amino acid sequence is shown in Figure 3. The gene encoding the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase can be expressed in transgenic microorganisms or animals to effect greater synthesis of GLA from linoleic acid or of stearidonic acid from ALA. Other DNAs which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase DNA, or which encode polypeptides which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase polypeptide, also can be used. By substantially identical is intended an amino acid sequence or nucleic acid sequence exhibiting in order of increasing preference at least 60%, 80%, 90% or 95% homology to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amino acid sequence or nucleic acid sequence encoding the amino acid sequence. For polypeptides, the length of comparison sequences generally is at least 16 amino acids, preferably at least 20 amino acids, or most preferably 35 amino acids. For nucleic acids, the length of comparison sequences generally is at least 50 nucleotides,

preferably at least 60 nucleotides, and more preferably at least 75 nucleotides, and most preferably, 110 nucleotides. Homology typically is measured using sequence analysis software, for example, the Sequence Analysis software package of the Genetics Computer Group, University of Wisconsin Biotechnology Center, 1710 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53705, 5 MEGAlign (DNASTar, Inc., 1228 S. Park St., Madison, Wisconsin 53715), and MacVector (Oxford Molecular Group, 2105 S. Bascom Avenue, Suite 200, Campbell, California 95008). Such software matches similar sequences by assigning degrees of homology to various substitutions, deletions, and other 10 modifications. Conservative substitutions typically include substitutions within the following groups: glycine and alanine; valine, isoleucine and leucine; aspartic acid, glutamic acid, asparagine, and glutamine; serine and threonine; lysine and arginine; and phenylalanine and tyrosine. Substitutions may also be made on the basis of conserved hydrophobicity or hydrophilicity (Kyte and 15 Doolittle, *J. Mol. Biol.* 157: 105-132, 1982), or on the basis of the ability to assume similar polypeptide secondary structure (Chou and Fasman, *Adv. Enzymol.* 47: 45-148, 1978).

Also of interest is the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, the nucleotide and amino acid sequence of which is shown in Figure 5. The gene encoding the 20 *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase can be expressed in transgenic microorganisms or animals to effect greater synthesis of LA from oleic acid. Other DNAs which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase DNA, or which encode polypeptides which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase polypeptide, also can be used.

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Other Desaturases

Encompassed by the present invention are related desaturases from the same or other organisms. Such related desaturases include variants of the disclosed $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase naturally occurring within the same or different species of *Mortierella*, as well as homologues of the disclosed $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ - 30 desaturase from other species. Also included are desaturases which, although

not substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, desaturate a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12, respectively, from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule, or at carbon 12 or 6 from the terminal methyl carbon in an 18 carbon fatty acid molecule. Related desaturases can be identified by their ability to function substantially the same as the disclosed desaturases; that is, are still able to effectively convert LA to GLA, ALA to SDA or oleic acid to LA. Related desaturases also can be identified by screening sequence databases for sequences homologous to the disclosed desaturases, by hybridization of a probe based on the disclosed desaturases to a library constructed from the source organism, or by RT-PCR using mRNA from the source organism and primers based on the disclosed desaturases. Such desaturases include those from humans, *Dictyostelium discoideum* and *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*.

The regions of a desaturase polypeptide important for desaturase activity can be determined through routine mutagenesis, expression of the resulting mutant polypeptides and determination of their activities. Mutants may include deletions, insertions and point mutations, or combinations thereof. A typical functional analysis begins with deletion mutagenesis to determine the N- and C-terminal limits of the protein necessary for function, and then internal deletions, insertions or point mutants are made to further determine regions necessary for function. Other techniques such as cassette mutagenesis or total synthesis also can be used. Deletion mutagenesis is accomplished, for example, by using exonucleases to sequentially remove the 5' or 3' coding regions. Kits are available for such techniques. After deletion, the coding region is completed by ligating oligonucleotides containing start or stop codons to the deleted coding region after 5' or 3' deletion, respectively. Alternatively, oligonucleotides encoding start or stop codons are inserted into the coding region by a variety of methods including site-directed mutagenesis, mutagenic PCR or by ligation onto DNA digested at existing restriction sites. Internal deletions can similarly be made through a variety of methods including the use of existing restriction sites in the DNA, by use of mutagenic primers via site directed mutagenesis or mutagenic PCR. Insertions are made through methods such as linker-scanning

mutagenesis, site-directed mutagenesis or mutagenic PCR. Point mutations are made through techniques such as site-directed mutagenesis or mutagenic PCR.

Chemical mutagenesis also can be used for identifying regions of a desaturase polypeptide important for activity. A mutated construct is expressed, and the ability of the resulting altered protein to function as a desaturase is assayed. Such structure-function analysis can determine which regions may be deleted, which regions tolerate insertions, and which point mutations allow the mutant protein to function in substantially the same way as the native desaturase. All such mutant proteins and nucleotide sequences encoding them are within the scope of the present invention.

EXPRESSION OF DESATURASE GENES

Once the DNA encoding a desaturase polypeptide has been obtained, it is placed in a vector capable of replication in a host cell, or is propagated *in vitro* by means of techniques such as PCR or long PCR. Replicating vectors can include plasmids, phage, viruses, cosmids and the like. Desirable vectors include those useful for mutagenesis of the gene of interest or for expression of the gene of interest in host cells. The technique of long PCR has made *in vitro* propagation of large constructs possible, so that modifications to the gene of interest, such as mutagenesis or addition of expression signals, and propagation of the resulting constructs can occur entirely *in vitro* without the use of a replicating vector or a host cell.

For expression of a desaturase polypeptide, functional transcriptional and translational initiation and termination regions are operably linked to the DNA encoding the desaturase polypeptide. Expression of the polypeptide coding region can take place *in vitro* or in a host cell. Transcriptional and translational initiation and termination regions are derived from a variety of nonexclusive sources, including the DNA to be expressed, genes known or suspected to be capable of expression in the desired system, expression vectors, chemical synthesis, or from an endogenous locus in a host cell.

Expression In Vitro

In vitro expression can be accomplished, for example, by placing the coding region for the desaturase polypeptide in an expression vector designed for *in vitro* use and adding rabbit reticulocyte lysate and cofactors; labeled
5 amino acids can be incorporated if desired. Such *in vitro* expression vectors may provide some or all of the expression signals necessary in the system used. These methods are well known in the art and the components of the system are commercially available. The reaction mixture can then be assayed directly for the polypeptide, for example by determining its activity, or the synthesized
10 polypeptide can be purified and then assayed.

Expression In A Host Cell

Expression in a host cell can be accomplished in a transient or stable fashion. Transient expression can occur from introduced constructs which contain expression signals functional in the host cell, but which constructs do
15 not replicate and rarely integrate in the host cell, or where the host cell is not proliferating. Transient expression also can be accomplished by inducing the activity of a regulatable promoter operably linked to the gene of interest, although such inducible systems frequently exhibit a low basal level of expression. Stable expression can be achieved by introduction of a construct
20 that can integrate into the host genome or that autonomously replicates in the host cell. Stable expression of the gene of interest can be selected for through the use of a selectable marker located on or transfected with the expression construct, followed by selection for cells expressing the marker. When stable expression results from integration, integration of constructs can occur
25 randomly within the host genome or can be targeted through the use of constructs containing regions of homology with the host genome sufficient to target recombination with the host locus. Where constructs are targeted to an endogenous locus, all or some of the transcriptional and translational regulatory regions can be provided by the endogenous locus.

When increased expression of the desaturase polypeptide in the source organism is desired, several methods can be employed. Additional genes encoding the desaturase polypeptide can be introduced into the host organism. Expression from the native desaturase locus also can be increased through
5 homologous recombination, for example by inserting a stronger promoter into the host genome to cause increased expression, by removing destabilizing sequences from either the mRNA or the encoded protein by deleting that information from the host genome, or by adding stabilizing sequences to the mRNA (USPN 4,910,141).

10 When it is desirable to express more than one different gene, appropriate regulatory regions and expression methods, introduced genes can be propagated in the host cell through use of replicating vectors or by integration into the host genome. Where two or more genes are expressed from separate replicating vectors, it is desirable that each vector has a different means of replication.
15 Each introduced construct, whether integrated or not, should have a different means of selection and should lack homology to the other constructs to maintain stable expression and prevent reassortment of elements among constructs. Judicious choices of regulatory regions, selection means and method of propagation of the introduced construct can be experimentally determined so
20 that all introduced genes are expressed at the necessary levels to provide for synthesis of the desired products.

As an example, where the host cell is a yeast, transcriptional and translational regions functional in yeast cells are provided, particularly from the host species. The transcriptional initiation regulatory regions can be obtained,
25 for example from genes in the glycolytic pathway, such as alcohol dehydrogenase, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GPD), phosphoglucosomerase, phosphoglycerate kinase, etc. or regulatable genes such as acid phosphatase, lactase, metallothionein, glucoamylase, etc. Any one of a number of regulatory sequences can be used in a particular situation,
30 depending upon whether constitutive or induced transcription is desired, the particular efficiency of the promoter in conjunction with the open-reading frame of interest, the ability to join a strong promoter with a control region from a

different promoter which allows for inducible transcription, ease of construction, and the like. Of particular interest are promoters which are activated in the presence of galactose. Galactose-inducible promoters (GAL1, GAL7, and GAL10) have been extensively utilized for high level and regulated expression of protein in yeast (Lue *et al.*, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* Vol. 7, p. 3446, 1987; Johnston, *Microbiol. Rev.* Vol. 51, p. 458, 1987). Transcription from the GAL promoters is activated by the GAL4 protein, which binds to the promoter region and activates transcription when galactose is present. In the absence of galactose, the antagonist GAL80 binds to GAL4 and prevents GAL4 from activating transcription. Addition of galactose prevents GAL80 from inhibiting activation by GAL4.

Nucleotide sequences surrounding the translational initiation codon ATG have been found to affect expression in yeast cells. If the desired polypeptide is poorly expressed in yeast, the nucleotide sequences of exogenous genes can be modified to include an efficient yeast translation initiation sequence to obtain optimal gene expression. For expression in *Saccharomyces*, this can be done by site-directed mutagenesis of an inefficiently expressed gene by fusing it in-frame to an endogenous *Saccharomyces* gene, preferably a highly expressed gene, such as the lactase gene.

The termination region can be derived from the 3' region of the gene from which the initiation region was obtained or from a different gene. A large number of termination regions are known to and have been found to be satisfactory in a variety of hosts from the same and different genera and species. The termination region usually is selected more as a matter of convenience rather than because of any particular property. Preferably, the termination region is derived from a yeast gene, particularly *Saccharomyces*, *Schizosaccharomyces*, *Candida* or *Kluyveromyces*. The 3' regions of two mammalian genes, γ interferon and $\alpha 2$ interferon, are also known to function in yeast.

INTRODUCTION OF CONSTRUCTS INTO HOST CELLS

Constructs comprising the gene of interest may be introduced into a host cell by standard techniques. These techniques include transformation, protoplast fusion, lipofection, transfection, transduction, conjugation, infection, bolistic impact, electroporation, microinjection, scraping, or any other method which introduces the gene of interest into the host cell. Methods of transformation which are used include lithium acetate transformation (*Methods in Enzymology*, Vol. 194, p. 186-187, 1991). For convenience, a host cell which has been manipulated by any method to take up a DNA sequence or construct will be referred to as "transformed" or "recombinant" herein.

The subject host will have at least have one copy of the expression construct and may have two or more, depending upon whether the gene is integrated into the genome, amplified, or is present on an extrachromosomal element having multiple copy numbers. Where the subject host is a yeast, four principal types of yeast plasmid vectors can be used: Yeast Integrating plasmids (YIps), Yeast Replicating plasmids (YRps), Yeast Centromere plasmids (YCps), and Yeast Episomal plasmids (YEps). YIps lack a yeast replication origin and must be propagated as integrated elements in the yeast genome. YRps have a chromosomally derived autonomously replicating sequence and are propagated as medium copy number (20 to 40), autonomously replicating, unstably segregating plasmids. YCps have both a replication origin and a centromere sequence and propagate as low copy number (10-20), autonomously replicating, stably segregating plasmids. YEps have an origin of replication from the yeast 2 μ m plasmid and are propagated as high copy number, autonomously replicating, irregularly segregating plasmids. The presence of the plasmids in yeast can be ensured by maintaining selection for a marker on the plasmid. Of particular interest are the yeast vectors pYES2 (a YEp plasmid available from Invitrogen, confers uracil prototrophy and a GAL1 galactose-inducible promoter for expression), pRS425-pG1 (a YEp plasmid obtained from Dr. T. H. Chang, Ass. Professor of Molecular Genetics, Ohio State University, containing a constitutive GPD promoter and conferring leucine prototrophy), and pYX424 (a YEp plasmid having a constitutive TP1 promoter and conferring

leucine prototrophy; Alber, T. and Kawasaki, G. (1982). *J. Mol. & Appl. Genetics* 1: 419).

The transformed host cell can be identified by selection for a marker contained on the introduced construct. Alternatively, a separate marker
5 construct may be introduced with the desired construct, as many transformation techniques introduce many DNA molecules into host cells. Typically, transformed hosts are selected for their ability to grow on selective media. Selective media may incorporate an antibiotic or lack a factor necessary for growth of the untransformed host, such as a nutrient or growth factor. An
10 introduced marker gene therefor may confer antibiotic resistance, or encode an essential growth factor or enzyme, and permit growth on selective media when expressed in the transformed host. Selection of a transformed host can also occur when the expressed marker protein can be detected, either directly or indirectly. The marker protein may be expressed alone or as a fusion to another
15 protein. The marker protein can be detected by its enzymatic activity; for example β galactosidase can convert the substrate X-gal to a colored product, and luciferase can convert luciferin to a light-emitting product. The marker protein can be detected by its light-producing or modifying characteristics; for example, the green fluorescent protein of *Aequorea victoria* fluoresces when
20 illuminated with blue light. Antibodies can be used to detect the marker protein or a molecular tag on, for example, a protein of interest. Cells expressing the marker protein or tag can be selected, for example, visually, or by techniques such as FACS or panning using antibodies. For selection of yeast transformants, any marker that functions in yeast may be used. Desirably,
25 resistance to kanamycin and the amino glycoside G418 are of interest, as well as ability to grow on media lacking uracil, leucine, lysine or tryptophan.

Of particular interest is the $\Delta 6$ - and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase-mediated production of PUFAs in prokaryotic and eukaryotic host cells. Prokaryotic cells of interest include *Eschericia*, *Bacillus*, *Lactobacillus*, *cyanobacteria* and the like.
30 Eukaryotic cells include mammalian cells such as those of lactating animals, avian cells such as of chickens, and other cells amenable to genetic manipulation including insect, fungal, and algae cells. The cells may be

cultured or formed as part or all of a host organism including an animal.

Viruses and bacteriophage also may be used with the cells in the production of PUFAs, particularly for gene transfer, cellular targeting and selection. In a preferred embodiment, the host is any microorganism or animal which produces and/or can assimilate exogenously supplied substrate(s) for a $\Delta 6$ - and/or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, and preferably produces large amounts of one or more of the substrates. Examples of host animals include mice, rats, rabbits, chickens, quail, turkeys, bovines, sheep, pigs, goats, yaks, etc., which are amenable to genetic manipulation and cloning for rapid expansion of the transgene expressing population. For animals, the desaturase transgene(s) can be adapted for expression in target organelles, tissues and body fluids through modification of the gene regulatory regions. Of particular interest is the production of PUFAs in the breast milk of the host animal.

Expression In Yeast

Examples of host microorganisms include *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Saccharomyces carlsbergensis*, or other yeast such as *Candida*, *Kluyveromyces* or other fungi, for example, filamentous fungi such as *Aspergillus*, *Neurospora*, *Penicillium*, etc. Desirable characteristics of a host microorganism are, for example, that it is genetically well characterized, can be used for high level expression of the product using ultra-high density fermentation, and is on the GRAS (generally recognized as safe) list since the proposed end product is intended for ingestion by humans. Of particular interest is use of a yeast, more particularly baker's yeast (*S. cerevisiae*), as a cell host in the subject invention. Strains of particular interest are SC334 (Mat α pep4-3 prbl-1122 ura3-52 leu2-3, 112 reg1-501 gal1; *Gene* 83:57-64, 1989, Hovland P. *et al.*), YTC34 (α ade2-101 his3 Δ 200 lys2-801 ura3-52; obtained from Dr. T. H. Chang, Ass. Professor of Molecular Genetics, Ohio State University), YTC41 (a/α ura3-52/ura3=52 lys2-801/lys2-801 ade2-101/ade2-101 trp1- Δ 1/trp1- Δ 1 his3 Δ 200/his3 Δ 200 leu2 Δ 1/leu2 Δ 1; obtained from Dr. T. H. Chang, Ass. Professor of Molecular Genetics, Ohio State University), BJ1995 (obtained from the Yeast Genetic

Stock Centre, 1021 Donner Laboratory, Berkeley, CA 94720), INVSC1 (Mat α hiw3 Δ 1 leu2 trp1-289 ura3-52; obtained from Invitrogen, 1600 Faraday Ave., Carlsbad, CA 92008) and INVSC2 (Mat α his3 Δ 200 ura3-167; obtained from Invitrogen).

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Expression in Avian Species

For producing PUFAs in avian species and cells, such as chickens, turkeys, quail and ducks, gene transfer can be performed by introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a Δ 6 and/or Δ 12-desaturase into the cells following procedures known in the art. If a transgenic animal is desired, pluripotent stem cells of embryos can be provided with a vector carrying a desaturase encoding transgene and developed into adult animal (USPN 5,162,215; Ono *et al.* (1996) *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology A* 113(3):287-292; WO 9612793; WO 9606160). In most cases, the transgene will be modified to express high levels of the desaturase in order to increase production of PUFAs. The transgene can be modified, for example, by providing transcriptional and/or translational regulatory regions that function in avian cells, such as promoters which direct expression in particular tissues and egg parts such as yolk. The gene regulatory regions can be obtained from a variety of sources, including chicken anemia or avian leukosis viruses or avian genes such as a chicken ovalbumin gene.

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Expression in Insect Cells

Production of PUFAs in insect cells can be conducted using baculovirus expression vectors harboring one or more desaturase transgenes. Baculovirus expression vectors are available from several commercial sources such as Clontech. Methods for producing hybrid and transgenic strains of algae, such as marine algae, which contain and express a desaturase transgene also are provided. For example, transgenic marine algae may be prepared as described in USPN 5,426,040. As with the other expression systems described above, the timing, extent of expression and activity of the desaturase transgene can be

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regulated by fitting the polypeptide coding sequence with the appropriate transcriptional and translational regulatory regions selected for a particular use. Of particular interest are promoter regions which can be induced under preselected growth conditions. For example, introduction of temperature sensitive and/or metabolite responsive mutations into the desaturase transgene coding sequences, its regulatory regions, and/or the genome of cells into which the transgene is introduced can be used for this purpose.

The transformed host cell is grown under appropriate conditions adapted for a desired end result. For host cells grown in culture, the conditions are typically optimized to produce the greatest or most economical yield of PUFAs, which relates to the selected desaturase activity. Media conditions which may be optimized include: carbon source, nitrogen source, addition of substrate, final concentration of added substrate, form of substrate added, aerobic or anaerobic growth, growth temperature, inducing agent, induction temperature, growth phase at induction, growth phase at harvest, pH, density, and maintenance of selection. Microorganisms of interest, such as yeast are preferably grown in selected medium. For yeast, complex media such as peptone broth (YPD) or a defined media such as a minimal media (contains amino acids, yeast nitrogen base, and ammonium sulfate, and lacks a component for selection, for example uracil) are preferred. Desirably, substrates to be added are first dissolved in ethanol. Where necessary, expression of the polypeptide of interest may be induced, for example by including or adding galactose to induce expression from a GAL promoter.

Expression In Plants

Production of PUFA's in plants can be conducted using various plant transformation systems such as the use of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, plant viruses, particle cell transformation and the like which are disclosed in Applicant's related applications U.S. Application Serial Nos. 08/834,033 and 08/956,985 and continuation-in-part applications filed simultaneously with this application all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Expression In An Animal

Expression in cells of a host animal can likewise be accomplished in a transient or stable manner. Transient expression can be accomplished via known methods, for example infection or lipofection, and can be repeated in order to maintain desired expression levels of the introduced construct (*see* Ebert, PCT publication WO 94/05782). Stable expression can be accomplished via integration of a construct into the host genome, resulting in a transgenic animal. The construct can be introduced, for example, by microinjection of the construct into the pronuclei of a fertilized egg, or by transfection, retroviral infection or other techniques whereby the construct is introduced into a cell line which may form or be incorporated into an adult animal (U.S. Patent No. 4,873,191; U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Wilmut *et al* (1997) Nature 385:810). The recombinant eggs or embryos are transferred to a surrogate mother (U.S. Patent No. 4,873,191; U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Wilmut *et al* (*supra*)).

After birth, transgenic animals are identified, for example, by the presence of an introduced marker gene, such as for coat color, or by PCR or Southern blotting from a blood, milk or tissue sample to detect the introduced construct, or by an immunological or enzymological assay to detect the expressed protein or the products produced therefrom (U.S. Patent No. 4,873,191; U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Wilmut *et al* (*supra*)). The resulting transgenic animals may be entirely transgenic or may be mosaics, having the transgenes in only a subset of their cells. The advent of mammalian cloning, accomplished by fusing a nucleated cell with an enucleated egg, followed by transfer into a surrogate mother, presents the possibility of rapid, large-scale production upon obtaining a "founder" animal or cell comprising the introduced construct; prior to this, it was necessary for the transgene to be present in the germ line of the animal for propagation (Wilmut *et al* (*supra*)).

Expression in a host animal presents certain efficiencies, particularly where the host is a domesticated animal. For production of PUFAs in a fluid readily obtainable from the host animal, such as milk, the desaturase transgene can be expressed in mammary cells from a female host, and the PUFA content of the host cells altered. The desaturase transgene can be adapted for expression so that it is retained in the mammary cells, or secreted into milk, to form the PUFA reaction products localized to the milk (PCT publication WO 95/24488). Expression can be targeted for expression in mammary tissue using specific regulatory sequences, such as those of bovine α -lactalbumin, α -casein, β -casein, γ -casein, κ -casein, β -lactoglobulin, or whey acidic protein, and may optionally include one or more introns and/or secretory signal sequences (U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; Rosen, U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; Clark *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Garner *et al.*, PCT publication WO 95/23868). Expression of desaturase transgenes, or antisense desaturase transcripts, adapted in this manner can be used to alter the levels of specific PUFAs, or derivatives thereof, found in the animals milk. Additionally, the desaturase transgene(s) can be expressed either by itself or with other transgenes, in order to produce animal milk containing higher proportions of desired PUFAs or PUFA ratios and concentrations that resemble human breast milk (Prieto *et al.*, PCT publication WO 95/24494).

PURIFICATION OF FATTY ACIDS

The desaturated fatty acids may be found in the host microorganism or animal as free fatty acids or in conjugated forms such as acylglycerols, phospholipids, sulfolipids or glycolipids, and may be extracted from the host cell through a variety of means well-known in the art. Such means may include extraction with organic solvents, sonication, supercritical fluid extraction using for example carbon dioxide, and physical means such as presses, or combinations thereof. Of particular interest is extraction with hexane or methanol and chloroform. Where desirable, the aqueous layer can be acidified to protonate negatively charged moieties and thereby increase partitioning of desired products into the organic layer. After extraction, the organic solvents can be removed by evaporation under a stream of nitrogen. When isolated in

conjugated forms, the products may be enzymatically or chemically cleaved to release the free fatty acid or a less complex conjugate of interest, and can then be subject to further manipulations to produce a desired end product. Desirably, conjugated forms of fatty acids are cleaved with potassium hydroxide.

5 If further purification is necessary, standard methods can be employed. Such methods may include extraction, treatment with urea, fractional crystallization, HPLC, fractional distillation, silica gel chromatography, high speed centrifugation or distillation, or combinations of these techniques. Protection of reactive groups, such as the acid or alkenyl groups, may be done at
10 any step through known techniques, for example alkylation or iodination. Methods used include methylation of the fatty acids to produce methyl esters. Similarly, protecting groups may be removed at any step. Desirably, purification of fractions containing GLA, SDA, ARA, DHA and EPA may be accomplished by treatment with urea and/or fractional distillation.

15 USES OF FATTY ACIDS

The fatty acids of the subject invention finds many applications. Probes based on the DNAs of the present invention may find use in methods for isolating related molecules or in methods to detect organisms expressing desaturases. When used as probes, the DNAs or oligonucleotides must be detectable. This is usually accomplished by attaching a label either at an internal site, for example via incorporation of a modified residue, or at the 5' or 3' terminus. Such labels can be directly detectable, can bind to a secondary molecule that is detectably labeled, or can bind to an unlabelled secondary molecule and a detectably labeled tertiary molecule; this process can be extended as long as is practical to achieve a satisfactorily detectable signal without unacceptable levels of background signal. Secondary, tertiary, or bridging systems can include use of antibodies directed against any other molecule, including labels or other antibodies, or can involve any molecules which bind to each other, for example a biotin-streptavidin/avidin system. Detectable labels typically include radioactive isotopes, molecules which chemically or enzymatically produce or alter light, enzymes which produce

detectable reaction products, magnetic molecules, fluorescent molecules or molecules whose fluorescence or light-emitting characteristics change upon binding. Examples of labelling methods can be found in USPN 5,011,770. Alternatively, the binding of target molecules can be directly detected by measuring the change in heat of solution on binding of probe to target via isothermal titration calorimetry, or by coating the probe or target on a surface and detecting the change in scattering of light from the surface produced by binding of target or probe, respectively, as may be done with the BIAcore system.

PUFAs produced by recombinant means find applications in a wide variety of areas. Supplementation of animals or humans with PUFAs in various forms can result in increased levels not only of the added PUFAs but of their metabolic progeny as well.

NUTRITIONAL COMPOSITIONS

The present invention also includes nutritional compositions. Such compositions, for purposes of the present invention, include any food or preparation for human consumption including for enteral or parenteral consumption, which when taken into the body (a) serve to nourish or build up tissues or supply energy and/or (b) maintain, restore or support adequate nutritional status or metabolic function.

The nutritional composition of the present invention comprises at least one oil or acid produced in accordance with the present invention and may either be in a solid or liquid form. Additionally, the composition may include edible macronutrients, vitamins and minerals in amounts desired for a particular use. The amount of such ingredients will vary depending on whether the composition is intended for use with normal, healthy infants, children or adults having specialized needs such as those which accompany certain metabolic conditions (e.g., metabolic disorders).

Examples of macronutrients which may be added to the composition include but are not limited to edible fats, carbohydrates and proteins. Examples of such edible fats include but are not limited to coconut oil, soy oil, and mono-

and diglycerides. Examples of such carbohydrates include but are not limited to glucose, edible lactose and hydrolyzed starch. Additionally, examples of proteins which may be utilized in the nutritional composition of the invention include but are not limited to soy proteins, electrodialysed whey ,
5 electrodialysed skim milk, milk whey, or the hydrolysates of these proteins.

With respect to vitamins and minerals, the following may be added to the nutritional compositions of the present invention: calcium, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, chloride, magnesium, manganese, iron, copper, zinc, selenium, iodine, and Vitamins A, E, D, C, and the B complex. Other such
10 vitamins and minerals may also be added.

The components utilized in the nutritional compositions of the present invention will be of semi-purified or purified origin. By semi-purified or purified is meant a material which has been prepared by purification of a natural material or by synthesis.

15 Examples of nutritional compositions of the present invention include but are not limited to infant formulas, dietary supplements, and rehydration compositions. Nutritional compositions of particular interest include but are not limited to those utilized for enteral and parenteral supplementation for infants, specialist infant formulae, supplements for the elderly, and supplements for
20 those with gastrointestinal difficulties and/or malabsorption.

Nutritional Compositions

A typical nutritional composition of the present invention will contain edible macronutrients, vitamins and minerals in amounts desired for a particular use. The amounts of such ingredients will vary depending on whether the
25 formulation is intended for use with normal, healthy individuals temporarily exposed to stress, or to subjects having specialized needs due to certain chronic or acute disease states (e.g., metabolic disorders). It will be understood by persons skilled in the art that the components utilized in a nutritional formulation of the present invention are of semi-purified or purified origin. By
30 semi-purified or purified is meant a material that has been prepared by

purification of a natural material or by synthesis. These techniques are well known in the art (See, e.g., Code of Federal Regulations for Food Ingredients and Food Processing; Recommended Dietary Allowances, 10th Ed., National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 1989).

5 In a preferred embodiment, a nutritional formulation of the present invention is an enteral nutritional product, more preferably an adult or child enteral nutritional product. Accordingly in a further aspect of the invention, a nutritional formulation is provided that is suitable for feeding adults or children, who are experiencing stress. The formula comprises, in addition to the PUFAs
10 of the invention; macronutrients, vitamins and minerals in amounts designed to provide the daily nutritional requirements of adults.

 The macronutritional components include edible fats, carbohydrates and proteins. Exemplary edible fats are coconut oil, soy oil, and mono- and diglycerides and the PUFA oils of this invention. Exemplary carbohydrates are
15 glucose, edible lactose and hydrolyzed cornstarch. A typical protein source would be soy protein, electrodialysed whey or electrodialysed skim milk or milk whey, or the hydrolysates of these proteins, although other protein sources are also available and may be used. These macronutrients would be added in the form of commonly accepted nutritional compounds in amount equivalent to
20 those present in human milk or an energy basis, i.e., on a per calorie basis.

 Methods for formulating liquid and enteral nutritional formulas are well known in the art and are described in detail in the examples.

 The enteral formula can be sterilized and subsequently utilized on a ready-to-feed (RTF) basis or stored in a concentrated liquid or a powder. The
25 powder can be prepared by spray drying the enteral formula prepared as indicated above, and the formula can be reconstituted by rehydrating the concentrate. Adult and infant nutritional formulas are well known in the art and commercially available (e.g., Similac®, Ensure®, Jevity® and Alimentum® from Ross Products Division, Abbott Laboratories). An oil or acid of the
30 present invention can be added to any of these formulas in the amounts described below.

The energy density of the nutritional composition when in liquid form, can typically range from about 0.6 to 3.0 Kcal per ml. When in solid or powdered form, the nutritional supplement can contain from about 1.2 to more than 9 Kcals per gm, preferably 3 to 7 Kcals per gm. In general, the osmolality of a liquid product should be less than 700 mOsm and more preferably less than 660 mOsm.

The nutritional formula would typically include vitamins and minerals, in addition to the PUFAs of the invention, in order to help the individual ingest the minimum daily requirements for these substances. In addition to the PUFAs listed above, it may also be desirable to supplement the nutritional composition with zinc, copper, and folic acid in addition to antioxidants. It is believed that these substances will also provide a boost to the stressed immune system and thus will provide further benefits to the individual. The presence of zinc, copper or folic acid is optional and is not required in order to gain the beneficial effects on immune suppression. Likewise a pharmaceutical composition can be supplemented with these same substances as well.

In a more preferred embodiment, the nutritional contains, in addition to the antioxidant system and the PUFA component, a source of carbohydrate wherein at least 5 weight % of said carbohydrate is an indigestible oligosaccharide. In yet a more preferred embodiment, the nutritional composition additionally contains protein, taurine and carnitine.

The PUFAs, or derivatives thereof, made by the disclosed method can be used as dietary substitutes, or supplements, particularly infant formulas, for patients undergoing intravenous feeding or for preventing or treating malnutrition. Typically, human breast milk has a fatty acid profile comprising from about 0.15 % to about 0.36 % as DHA, from about 0.03 % to about 0.13 % as EPA, from about 0.30 % to about 0.88 % as ARA, from about 0.22 % to about 0.67 % as DGLA, and from about 0.27 % to about 1.04 % as GLA. Additionally, the predominant triglyceride in human milk has been reported to be 1,3-di-oleoyl-2-palmitoyl, with 2-palmitoyl glycerides reported as better absorbed than 2-oleoyl or 2-lineoyl glycerides (USPN 4,876,107). Thus, fatty acids such as ARA, DGLA, GLA and/or EPA produced by the invention can be

used to alter the composition of infant formulas to better replicate the PUFA composition of human breast milk. In particular, an oil composition for use in a pharmacologic or food supplement, particularly a breast milk substitute or supplement, will preferably comprise one or more of ARA, DGLA and GLA.
5 More preferably the oil will comprise from about 0.3 to 30% ARA, from about 0.2 to 30% DGLA, and from about 0.2 to about 30% GLA.

In addition to the concentration, the ratios of ARA, DGLA and GLA can be adapted for a particular given end use. When formulated as a breast milk supplement or substitute, an oil composition which contains two or more of
10 ARA, DGLA and GLA will be provided in a ratio of about 1:19:30 to about 6:1:0.2, respectively. For example, the breast milk of animals can vary in ratios of ARA:DGLA:DGL ranging from 1:19:30 to 6:1:0.2, which includes intermediate ratios which are preferably about 1:1:1, 1:2:1, 1:1:4. When produced together in a host cell, adjusting the rate and percent of conversion of
15 a precursor substrate such as GLA and DGLA to ARA can be used to precisely control the PUFA ratios. For example, a 5% to 10% conversion rate of DGLA to ARA can be used to produce an ARA to DGLA ratio of about 1:19, whereas a conversion rate of about 75% to 80% can be used to produce an ARA to DGLA ratio of about 6:1. Therefore, whether in a cell culture system or in a
20 host animal, regulating the timing, extent and specificity of desaturase expression as described can be used to modulate the PUFA levels and ratios. Depending on the expression system used, e.g., cell culture or an animal expressing oil(s) in its milk, the oils also can be isolated and recombined in the desired concentrations and ratios. Amounts of oils providing these ratios of
25 PUFA can be determined following standard protocols. PUFAs, or host cells containing them, also can be used as animal food supplements to alter an animal's tissue or milk fatty acid composition to one more desirable for human or animal consumption.

For dietary supplementation, the purified PUFAs, or derivatives thereof,
30 may be incorporated into cooking oils, fats or margarines formulated so that in normal use the recipient would receive the desired amount. The PUFAs may

also be incorporated into infant formulas, nutritional supplements or other food products, and may find use as anti-inflammatory or cholesterol lowering agents.

Pharmaceutical Compositions

5 The present invention also encompasses a pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more of the acids and/or resulting oils produced in accordance with the methods described herein. More specifically, such a pharmaceutical composition may comprise one or more of the acids and/or oils as well as a standard, well-known, non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant or vehicle such as, for example, phosphate buffered saline, 10 water, ethanol, polyols, vegetable oils, a wetting agent or an emulsion such as a water/oil emulsion. The composition may be in either a liquid or solid form. For example, the composition may be in the form of a tablet, capsule, ingestible liquid or powder, injectible, or topical ointment or cream.

15 Possible routes of administration include, for example, oral, rectal and parenteral. The route of administration will, of course, depend upon the desired effect. For example, if the composition is being utilized to treat rough, dry, or aging skin, to treat injured or burned skin, or to treat skin or hair affected by a disease or condition, it may perhaps be applied topically.

20 The dosage of the composition to be administered to the patient may be determined by one of ordinary skill in the art and depends upon various factors such as weight of the patient, age of the patient, immune status of the patient, etc.

25 With respect to form, the composition may be, for example, a solution, a dispersion, a suspension, an emulsion or a sterile powder which is then reconstituted.

Additionally, the composition of the present invention may be utilized for cosmetic purposes. It may be added to pre-existing cosmetic compositions such that a mixture is formed or may be used as a sole composition.

Pharmaceutical compositions may be utilized to administer the PUFA component to an individual. Suitable pharmaceutical compositions may comprise physiologically acceptable sterile aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or emulsions and sterile powders for reconstitution into sterile solutions or dispersions for ingestion. Examples of suitable aqueous and non-aqueous carriers, diluents, solvents or vehicles include water, ethanol, polyols (propyleneglycol, polyethyleneglycol, glycerol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils (such as olive oil) and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions and by the use of surfactants. It may also be desirable to include isotonic agents, for example sugars, sodium chloride and the like. Besides such inert diluents, the composition can also include adjuvants, such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents.

Suspensions, in addition to the active compounds, may contain suspending agents, as for example, ethoxylated isostearyl alcohols, polyoxyethylene sorbitol and sorbitan esters, microcrystalline cellulose, aluminum metahydroxide, bentonite, agar-agar and tragacanth or mixtures of these substances, and the like.

Solid dosage forms such as tablets and capsules can be prepared using techniques well known in the art. For example, PUFAs of the invention can be tableted with conventional tablet bases such as lactose, sucrose, and cornstarch in combination with binders such as acacia, cornstarch or gelatin, disintegrating agents such as potato starch or alginic acid and a lubricant such as stearic acid or magnesium stearate. Capsules can be prepared by incorporating these excipients into a gelatin capsule along with the antioxidants and the PUFA component. The amount of the antioxidants and PUFA component that should be incorporated into the pharmaceutical formulation should fit within the guidelines discussed above.

As used in this application, the term "treat" refers to either preventing, or reducing the incidence of, the undesired occurrence. For example, to treat immune suppression refers to either preventing the occurrence of this

suppression or reducing the amount of such suppression. The terms "patient" and "individual" are being used interchangeably and both refer to an animal. The term "animal" as used in this application refers to any warm-blooded mammal including, but not limited to, dogs, humans, monkeys, and apes. As used in the application the term "about" refers to an amount varying from the stated range or number by a reasonable amount depending upon the context of use. Any numerical number or range specified in the specification should be considered to be modified by the term about.

"Dose" and "serving" are used interchangeably and refer to the amount of the nutritional or pharmaceutical composition ingested by the patient in a single setting and designed to deliver effective amounts of the antioxidants and the structured triglyceride. As will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, a single dose or serving of the liquid nutritional powder should supply the amount of antioxidants and PUFAs discussed above. The amount of the dose or serving should be a volume that a typical adult can consume in one sitting. This amount can vary widely depending upon the age, weight, sex or medical condition of the patient. However as a general guideline, a single serving or dose of a liquid nutritional produce should be considered as encompassing a volume from 100 to 600 ml, more preferably from 125 to 500 ml and most preferably from 125 to 300 ml.

The PUFAs of the present invention may also be added to food even when supplementation of the diet is not required. For example, the composition may be added to food of any type including but not limited to margarines, modified butters, cheeses, milk, yogurt, chocolate, candy, snacks, salad oils, cooking oils, cooking fats, meats, fish and beverages.

Pharmaceutical Applications

For pharmaceutical use (human or veterinary), the compositions are generally administered orally but can be administered by any route by which they may be successfully absorbed, e.g., parenterally (i.e. subcutaneously, intramuscularly or intravenously), rectally or vaginally or topically, for example, as a skin ointment or lotion. The PUFAs of the present invention may

be administered alone or in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient. Where available, gelatin capsules are the preferred form of oral administration. Dietary supplementation as set forth above also can provide an oral route of administration. The unsaturated acids of the present invention may be administered in conjugated forms, or as salts, esters, amides or prodrugs of the fatty acids. Any pharmaceutically acceptable salt is encompassed by the present invention; especially preferred are the sodium, potassium or lithium salts. Also encompassed are the N-alkylpolyhydroxamine salts, such as N-methyl glucamine, found in PCT publication WO 96/33155.

The preferred esters are the ethyl esters. As solid salts, the PUFAs also can be administered in tablet form. For intravenous administration, the PUFAs or derivatives thereof may be incorporated into commercial formulations such as Intralipids. The typical normal adult plasma fatty acid profile comprises 6.64 to 9.46% of ARA, 1.45 to 3.11% of DGLA, and 0.02 to 0.08% of GLA. These PUFAs or their metabolic precursors can be administered, either alone or in mixtures with other PUFAs, to achieve a normal fatty acid profile in a patient. Where desired, the individual components of formulations may be individually provided in kit form, for single or multiple use. A typical dosage of a particular fatty acid is from 0.1 mg to 20 g, or even 100 g daily, and is preferably from 10 mg to 1, 2, 5 or 10 g daily as required, or molar equivalent amounts of derivative forms thereof. Parenteral nutrition compositions comprising from about 2 to about 30 weight percent fatty acids calculated as triglycerides are encompassed by the present invention; preferred is a composition having from about 1 to about 25 weight percent of the total PUFA composition as GLA (USPN 5,196,198). Other vitamins, and particularly fat-soluble vitamins such as vitamin A, D, E and L-carnitine can optionally be included. Where desired, a preservative such as α tocopherol may be added, typically at about 0.1% by weight.

Suitable pharmaceutical compositions may comprise physiologically acceptable sterile aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or emulsions and sterile powders for reconstitution into sterile injectible solutions or dispersions. Examples of suitable aqueous and non-aqueous carriers,

diluents, solvents or vehicles include water, ethanol, polyols (propyleneglycol, polyethyleneglycol, glycerol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils (such as olive oil) and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions and by the use of surfactants. It may also be desirable to include isotonic agents, for example sugars, sodium chloride and the like. Besides such inert diluents, the composition can also include adjuvants, such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents.

Suspensions in addition to the active compounds, may contain suspending agents, as for example, ethoxylated isostearyl alcohols, polyoxyethylene sorbitol and sorbitan esters, microcrystalline cellulose, aluminum metahydroxide, bentonite, agar-agar and tragacanth, or mixtures of these substances and the like.

An especially preferred pharmaceutical composition contains diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides dissolved in an aqueous medium or solvent. Diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides have an HLB value of about 9-12 and are significantly more hydrophilic than existing antimicrobial lipids that have HLB values of 2-4. Those existing hydrophobic lipids cannot be formulated into aqueous compositions. As disclosed herein, those lipids can now be solubilized into aqueous media in combination with diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides. In accordance with this embodiment, diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides (e.g., DATEM-C12:0) is melted with other active antimicrobial lipids (e.g., 18:2 and 12:0 monoglycerides) and mixed to obtain a homogeneous mixture.

Homogeneity allows for increased antimicrobial activity. The mixture can be completely dispersed in water. This is not possible without the addition of diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides and premixing with other monoglycerides prior to introduction into water. The aqueous composition can then be admixed under sterile conditions with physiologically acceptable diluents, preservatives, buffers or propellants as may be required to form a spray or inhalant.

The present invention also encompasses the treatment of numerous disorders with fatty acids. Supplementation with PUFAs of the present invention can be used to treat restenosis after angioplasty. Symptoms of inflammation, rheumatoid arthritis, and asthma and psoriasis can be treated with the PUFAs of the present invention. Evidence indicates that PUFAs may be involved in calcium metabolism, suggesting that PUFAs of the present invention may be used in the treatment or prevention of osteoporosis and of kidney or urinary tract stones.

The PUFAs of the present invention can be used in the treatment of cancer. Malignant cells have been shown to have altered fatty acid compositions; addition of fatty acids has been shown to slow their growth and cause cell death, and to increase their susceptibility to chemotherapeutic agents. GLA has been shown to cause reexpression on cancer cells of the E-cadherin cellular adhesion molecules, loss of which is associated with aggressive metastasis. Clinical testing of intravenous administration of the water soluble lithium salt of GLA to pancreatic cancer patients produced statistically significant increases in their survival. PUFA supplementation may also be useful for treating cachexia associated with cancer.

The PUFAs of the present invention can also be used to treat diabetes (USPN 4,826,877; Horrobin *et al.*, Am. J. Clin. Nutr. Vol. 57 (Suppl.), 732S-737S). Altered fatty acid metabolism and composition has been demonstrated in diabetic animals. These alterations have been suggested to be involved in some of the long-term complications resulting from diabetes, including retinopathy, neuropathy, nephropathy and reproductive system damage. Primrose oil, which contains GLA, has been shown to prevent and reverse diabetic nerve damage.

The PUFAs of the present invention can be used to treat eczema, reduce blood pressure and improve math scores. Essential fatty acid deficiency has been suggested as being involved in eczema, and studies have shown beneficial effects on eczema from treatment with GLA. GLA has also been shown to reduce increases in blood pressure associated with stress, and to improve performance on arithmetic tests. GLA and DGLA have been shown to inhibit

platelet aggregation, cause vasodilation, lower cholesterol levels and inhibit proliferation of vessel wall smooth muscle and fibrous tissue (Brenner *et al.*, Adv. Exp. Med. Biol. Vol. 83, p. 85-101, 1976). Administration of GLA or DGLA, alone or in combination with EPA, has been shown to reduce or prevent gastro-intestinal bleeding and other side effects caused by non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (USPN 4,666,701). GLA and DGLA have also been shown to prevent or treat endometriosis and premenstrual syndrome (USPN 4,758,592) and to treat myalgic encephalomyelitis and chronic fatigue after viral infections (USPN 5,116,871).

Further uses of the PUFAs of this invention include use in treatment of AIDS, multiple sclerosis, acute respiratory syndrome, hypertension and inflammatory skin disorders. The PUFAs of the inventions also can be used for formulas for general health as well as for geriatric treatments.

Veterinary Applications

It should be noted that the above-described pharmaceutical and nutritional compositions may be utilized in connection with animals, as well as humans, as animals experience many of the same needs and conditions as human. For example, the oil or acids of the present invention may be utilized in animal feed supplements.

The following examples are presented by way of illustration, not of limitation.

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Example 1

Construction of a cDNA Library from *Mortierella alpina*

Total RNA was isolated from a 3 day old PUFA-producing culture of *Mortierella alpina* using the protocol of Hoge *et al.* (1982) *Experimental*
20 *Mycology* 6:225-232. The RNA was used to prepare double-stranded cDNA using BRL's lambda-ZipLox system following the manufactures instructions. Several size fractions of the *M. alpina* cDNA were packaged separately to yield libraries with different average-sized inserts. A "full-length" library contains approximately 3×10^6 clones with an average insert size of 1.77 kb. The
25 "sequencing-grade" library contains approximately 6×10^5 clones with an average insert size of 1.1 kb.

Example 2

Isolation of a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase Nucleotide Sequence from *Mortierella Alpina*

A nucleic acid sequence from a partial cDNA clone, Ma524, encoding a $\Delta 6$ fatty acid desaturase from *Mortierella alpina* was obtained by random sequencing of clones from the *M. alpina* cDNA sequencing grade library described in Example 1. cDNA-containing plasmids were excised as follows:

Five μ l of phage were combined with 100 μ l of *E. coli* DH10B(ZIP) grown in ECLB plus 10 μ g/ml kanamycin, 0.2% maltose, and 10 mM MgSO_4 and incubated at 37 degrees for 15 minutes. 0.9 ml SOC was added and 100 μ l of the bacteria immediately plated on each of 10 ECLB + 50 μ g Pen plates. No 45 minute recovery time was needed. The plates were incubated overnight at 37°. Colonies were picked into ECLB + 50 μ g Pen media for overnight cultures to be used for making glycerol stocks and miniprep DNA. An aliquot of the culture used for the miniprep is stored as a glycerol stock. Plating on ECLB + 50 μ g Pen/ml resulted in more colonies and a greater proportion of colonies containing inserts than plating on 100 μ g/ml Pen.

Random colonies were picked and plasmid DNA purified using Qiagen miniprep kits. DNA sequence was obtained from the 5' end of the cDNA insert and compared to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) nonredundant database using the BLASTX algorithm. Ma524 was identified as a putative desaturase based on DNA sequence homology to previously identified desaturases.

A full-length cDNA clone was isolated from the *M. alpina* full-length library and designed pCGN5532. The cDNA is contained as a 1617 bp insert in the vector pZL1 (BRL) and, beginning with the first ATG, contains an open reading frame encoding 457 amino acids. The three conserved "histidine boxes" known to be conserved among membrane-bound deaturases (Okuley, et al. (1994) *The Plant Cell* 6:147-158) were found to be present at amino acid positions 172-176, 209-213, and 395-399 (see Figure 3). As with other

membrane-bound $\Delta 6$ -desaturases the final HXXHH histidine box motif was found to be QXXHH. The amino acid sequence of Ma524 was found to display significant homology to a portion of a *Caenorhabditis elegans* cosmid, WO6D2.4, a cytochrome b5/desaturase fusion protein from sunflower, and the *Synechocystis* and *Spirulina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturases. In addition, Ma524 was shown to have homology to the borage $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amino sequence (PCT publication W) 96/21022). Ma524 thus appears to encode a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase that is related to the borage and algal $\Delta 6$ -desaturases. The peptide sequences are shown as SEQ ID NO:5 - SEQ ID NO:11.

The amino terminus of the encoded protein was found to exhibit significant homology to cytochrome b5 proteins. The *Mortierella* cDNA clone appears to represent a fusion between a cytochrome b5 and a fatty acid desaturase. Since cytochrome b5 is believed to function as the electron donor for membrane-bound desaturase enzymes, it is possible that the N-terminal cytochrome b5 domain of this desaturase protein is involved in its function. This may be advantageous when expressing the desaturase in heterologous systems for PUFA production. However, it should be noted that, although the amino acid sequences of Ma524 and the borage $\Delta 6$ were found to contain regions of homology, the base compositions of the cDNAs were shown to be significantly different. For example, the borage cDNA was shown to have an overall base composition of 60 % A/T, with some regions exceeding 70 %, while Ma524 was shown to have an average of 44 % A/T base composition, with no regions exceeding 60 %. This may have implications for expressing the cDNAs in microorganisms or animals which favor different base compositions. It is known that poor expression of recombinant genes can occur when the host prefers a base composition different from that of the introduced gene. Mechanisms for such poor expression include decreased stability, cryptic splice sites, and/or translatability of the mRNA and the like.

Example 3

Identification of $\Delta 6$ -desaturases Homologous to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase

Nucleic acid sequences that encode putative $\Delta 6$ -desaturases were identified through a BLASTX search of the Expressed Sequence Tag ("EST") databases through NCBI using the Ma524 amino acid sequence. Several sequences showed significant homology. In particular, the deduced amino acid sequence of two *Arabidopsis thaliana* sequences, (accession numbers F13728 and T42806) showed homology to two different regions of the deduced amino acid sequence of Ma524. The following PCR primers were designed:
ATTS4723-FOR (complementary to F13728) SEQ ID NO:13
5' CUACUACUACUAGGAGTCCTCTACGGTGTTTGTG and
T42806-REV (complementary to T42806) SEQ ID NO:14
5' CAUCAUCAUATGATGCTCAAGCTGAACTG. Five μ g of total RNA isolated from developing siliques of *Arabidopsis thaliana* was reverse transcribed using BRL Superscript RTase and the primer TSyn (5'-CCAAGCTTCTGCAGGAGCTCTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT-3') and is shown as SEQ ID NO:12. PCR was carried out in a 50 μ l volume containing: template derived from 25 ng total RNA, 2 pM each primer, 200 μ M each deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate, 60 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.5, 15 mM $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$, 2 mM MgCl_2 , 0.2 U Taq Polymerase. Thermocycler conditions were as follows: 94 degrees for 30 sec., 50 degrees for 30 sec., 72 degrees for 30 sec. PCR was continued for 35 cycles followed by an additional extension at 72 degrees for 7 minutes. PCR resulted in a fragment of approximately ~750 base pairs which was subcloned, named 12-5, and sequenced. Each end of this fragment was formed to correspond to the *Arabidopsis* ESTs from which the PCR primers were designed. The putative amino acid sequence of 12-5 was compared to that of Ma524, and ESTs from human (W28140), mouse (W53753), and *C. elegans* (R05219) (see Figure 4). Homology patterns with the *Mortierella* $\Delta 6$ - desaturase indicate that these sequences represent putative

desaturase polypeptides. Based on this experiment approach, it is likely that the full-length genes can be cloned using probes based on the EST sequences. Following the cloning, the genes can then be placed into expression vectors, expressed in host cells, and their specific $\Delta 6$ - or other desaturase activity can be determined as described below.

Example 4

Isolation of a $\Delta 12$ -desaturase Nucleotide Sequence from *Mortierella alpina*

Based on the fatty acids it accumulates, it seemed probable that *Mortierella alpina* has an $\omega 6$ type desaturase. The $\omega 6$ -desaturase is responsible for the production of linoleic acid (18:2) from oleic acid (18:1). Linoleic acid (18:2) is a substrate for a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase. This experiment was designed to determine if *Mortierella alpina* has a $\Delta 12$ -desaturase polypeptide, and if so, to identify the corresponding nucleotide sequence.

A random colony from the *M. alpina* sequencing grade library, Ma648, was sequenced and identified as a putative desaturase based on DNA sequence homology to previously identified desaturases, as described for Ma524 (*see* Example 2). The nucleotide sequence is shown in SEQ ID NO:13. The peptide sequence is shown in SEQ ID NO:4. The deduced amino acid sequence from the 5' end of the Ma648 cDNA displays significant homology to soybean microsomal $\omega 6$ ($\Delta 12$) desaturase (accession #L43921) as well as castor bean oleate 12-hydroxylase (accession #U22378). In addition, homology was observed when compared to a variety of other $\omega 6$ ($\Delta 12$) and $\omega 3$ ($\Delta 15$) fatty acid desaturase sequences.

Example 5

Expression of *M. alpina* Desaturase Clones in Baker's Yeast

Yeast Transformation

Lithium acetate transformation of yeast was performed according to standard protocols (*Methods in Enzymology*, Vol. 194, p. 186-187, 1991). Briefly, yeast were grown in YPD at 30°C. Cells were spun down, resuspended in TE, spun down again, resuspended in TE containing 100 mM lithium acetate, spun down again, and resuspended in TE/lithium acetate. The resuspended yeast were incubated at 30°C for 60 minutes with shaking. Carrier DNA was added, and the yeast were aliquoted into tubes. Transforming DNA was added, and the tubes were incubated for 30 min. at 30°C. PEG solution (35% (w/v) PEG 4000, 100 mM lithium acetate, TE pH7.5) was added followed by a 50 min. incubation at 30°C. A 5 min. heat shock at 42°C was performed, the cells were pelleted, washed with TE, pelleted again and resuspended in TE. The resuspended cells were then plated on selective media.

Desaturase Expression in Transformed Yeast

cDNA clones from *Mortierella alpina* were screened for desaturase activity in baker's yeast. A canola $\Delta 15$ -desaturase (obtained by PCR using 1st strand cDNA from *Brassica napus* cultivar 212/86 seeds using primers based on the published sequence (Arondel *et al. Science* 258:1353-1355)) was used as a positive control. The $\Delta 15$ -desaturase gene and the gene from cDNA clones Ma524 and Ma648 were put in the expression vector pYES2 (Invitrogen), resulting in plasmids pCGR-2, pCGR-5 and pCGR-7, respectively. These plasmids were transfected into *S. cerevisiae* yeast strain 334 and expressed after induction with galactose and in the presence of substrates that allowed detection of specific desaturase activity. The control strain was *S. cerevisiae* strain 334 containing the unaltered pYES2 vector. The substrates used, the products produced and the indicated desaturase activity were: DGLA (conversion to ARA would indicate $\Delta 5$ -desaturase activity), linoleic acid (conversion to GLA

would indicate $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity; conversion to ALA would indicate $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity), oleic acid (an endogenous substrate made by *S. cerevisiae*, conversion to linoleic acid would indicate $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity, which *S. cerevisiae* lacks), or ARA (conversion to EPA would indicate $\Delta 17$ -desaturase activity).

Cultures were grown for 48-52 hours at 15°C in the presence of a particular substrate. Lipid fractions were extracted for analysis as follows: Cells were pelleted by centrifugation, washed once with sterile ddH₂O, and repelleted. Pellets were vortexed with methanol; chloroform was added along with tritridecanoin (as an internal standard). The mixtures were incubated for at least one hour at room temperature or at 4°C overnight. The chloroform layer was extracted and filtered through a Whatman filter with one gram of anhydrous sodium sulfate to remove particulates and residual water. The organic solvents were evaporated at 40°C under a stream of nitrogen. The extracted lipids were then derivatized to fatty acid methyl esters (FAME) for gas chromatography analysis (GC) by adding 2 ml of 0.5 N potassium hydroxide in methanol to a closed tube. The samples were heated to 95°C to 100°C for 30 minutes and cooled to room temperature. Approximately 2 ml of 14 % boron trifluoride in methanol was added and the heating repeated. After the extracted lipid mixture cooled, 2 ml of water and 1 ml of hexane were added to extract the FAME for analysis by GC. The percent conversion was calculated by dividing the product produced by the sum of (the product produced and the substrate added) and then multiplying by 100. To calculate the oleic acid percent conversion, as no substrate was added, the total linoleic acid produced was divided by the sum of oleic acid and linoleic acid produced, then multiplying by 100. The desaturase activity results are provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1***M. alpina* Desaturase Expression in Baker's Yeast**

CLONE	ENZYME ACTIVITY	% CONVERSION OF SUBSTRATE
pCGR-2	$\Delta 6$	0 (18:2 to 18:3w6)
(canola $\Delta 15$ desaturase)	$\Delta 15$	16.3 (18:2 to 18:3w3)
	$\Delta 5$	2.0 (20:3 to 20:4w6)
	$\Delta 17$	2.8 (20:4 to 20:5w3)
	$\Delta 12$	1.8 (18:1 to 18:2w6)
pCGR-5	$\Delta 6$	6.0
(M. alpina Ma524)	$\Delta 15$	0
	$\Delta 5$	2.1
	$\Delta 17$	0
	$\Delta 12$	3.3
pCGR-7	$\Delta 6$	0
(M. alpina Ma648)	$\Delta 15$	3.8
	$\Delta 5$	2.2
	$\Delta 17$	0
	$\Delta 12$	63.4

5 The $\Delta 15$ -desaturase control clone exhibited 16.3% conversion of the
 substrate. The pCGR-5 clone expressing the Ma524 cDNA showed 6%
 conversion of the substrate to GLA, indicating that the gene encodes a $\Delta 6$ -
 desaturase. The pCGR-7 clone expressing the Ma648 cDNA converted 63.4%
 conversion of the substrate to LA, indicating that the gene encodes a $\Delta 12$ -
 desaturase. The background (non-specific conversion of substrate) was between
 10 0-3% in these cases. We also found substrate inhibition of the activity by using
 different concentrations of the substrate. When substrate was added to 100 μM ,
 the percent conversion to product dropped compared to when substrate was added
 to 25 μM (see below). Additionally, by varying the substrate concentration
 between 5 μM and 200 μM , conversion ratios were found to range between about

5% to about 75% greater. These data show that desaturases with different substrate specificities can be expressed in a heterologous system and used to produce poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acids.

Table 2 represents fatty acids of interest as a percent of the total lipid extracted from the yeast host *S. cerevisiae* 334 with the indicated plasmid. No glucose was present in the growth media. Affinity gas chromatography was used to separate the respective lipids. GC/MS was employed to verify the identity of the product(s). The expected product for the *B. napus* $\Delta 15$ -desaturase, α -linolenic acid, was detected when its substrate, linoleic acid, was added exogenously to the induced yeast culture. This finding demonstrates that yeast expression of a desaturase gene can produce functional enzyme and detectable amounts of product under the current growth conditions. Both exogenously added substrates were taken up by yeast, although slightly less of the longer chain PUFA, dihomogamma-linolenic acid (20:3), was incorporated into yeast than linoleic acid (18:2) when either was added in free form to the induced yeast cultures. gamma-linolenic acid was detected when linoleic acid was present during induction and expression of *S. cerevisiae* 334 (pCGR-5). The presence of this PUFA demonstrates $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity from pCGR-5 (MA524). Linoleic acid, identified in the extracted lipids from expression of *S. cerevisiae* 334 (pCGR-7), classifies the cDNA MA648 from *M. alpina* as the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase.

Table 2
Fatty Acid as a Percentage of Total Lipid Extracted from Yeast

Plasmid in Yeast (enzyme)	18:2 Incorporated	α -18:3 Produced	γ -18:3 Produced	20:3 Incorporated	20:4 Produced	18:1* Present	18:2 Produced
pYES2 (control)	66.9	0	0	58.4	0	4	0
pCGR-2 (Δ 15)	60.1	5.7	0	50.4	0	0.7	0
pCGR-5 (Δ 6)	62.4	0	4.0	49.9	0	2.4	0
pCGR-7 (Δ 12)	65.6	0	0	45.7	0	7.1	12.2

100 μ M substrate added

* 18:1 is an endogenous fatty acid in yeast

- Key To Tables
18:1=oleic acid
18:2=linoleic acid
 α -18:3= α -linolenic acid
 γ -18:3= γ -linolenic acid
18:4=stearidonic acid
20:3=dihomo- γ -linolenic acid
20:4=arachidonic acid

Example 6

Optimization of Culture Conditions

Table 3A shows the effect of exogenous free fatty acid substrate concentration on yeast uptake and conversion to fatty acid product as a percentage of the total yeast lipid extracted. In all instances, low amounts of exogenous substrate (1-10 μM) resulted in low fatty acid substrate uptake and product formation. Between 25 and 50 μM concentration of free fatty acid in the growth and induction media gave the highest percentage of fatty acid product formed, while the 100 μM concentration and subsequent high uptake into yeast appeared to decrease or inhibit the desaturase activity. The amount of fatty acid substrate for yeast expressing $\Delta 12$ -desaturase was similar under the same growth conditions, since the substrate, oleic acid, is an endogenous yeast fatty acid. The use of α -linolenic acid as an additional substrate for pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$) produced the expected product, stearidonic acid (Table 3A). The feedback inhibition of high fatty acid substrate concentration was well illustrated when the percent conversion rates of the respective fatty acid substrates to their respective products were compared in Table 3B. In all cases, 100 μM substrate concentration in the growth media decreased the percent conversion to product. The uptake of α -linolenic was comparable to other PUFAs added in free form, while the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase percent conversion, 3.8-17.5%, to the product stearidonic acid was the lowest of all the substrates examined (Table 3B). The effect of media, such as YPD (rich media) versus minimal media with glucose on the conversion rate of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase was dramatic. Not only did the conversion rate for oleic to linoleic acid drop, (Table 3B) but the percent of linoleic acid formed also decreased by 11% when rich media was used for growth and induction of yeast desaturase $\Delta 12$ expression (Table 3A). The effect of media composition was also evident when glucose was present in the growth media for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase, since the percent of substrate uptake was decreased at 25 μM (Table 3A). However, the conversion rate remained the

same and percent product formed decreased for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase for in the presence of glucose.

Table 3A

5 **Effect of Added Substrate on the Percentage of Incorporated
Substrate and Product Formed in Yeast Extracts**

Plasmid in Yeast	pCGR-2 ($\Delta 15$)	PcGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-7 ($\Delta 12$)
Substrate/product	18:2 / α -18:3	18:2/ γ -18:3	α -18:3/18:4	18:1*/18:2
1 μ M sub.	ND	0.9/0.7	ND	ND
10 μ M sub.	ND	4.2/2.4	10.4/2.2	ND
25 μ M sub.	ND	11/3.7	18.2/2.7	ND
25 μ M ϕ sub.	36.6/7.2 ϕ	25.1/10.3 ϕ	ND	6.6/15.8 ϕ
50 μ M sub.	53.1/6.5 ϕ	ND	36.2/3	10.8/13 ⁺
100 μ M sub.	60.1/5.7 ϕ	62.4/4 ϕ	47.7/1.9	10/24.8

Table 3B

**Effect of Substrate Concentration in Media on the Percent Conversion
of Fatty Acid Substrate to Product in Yeast Extracts**

Plasmid in Yeast	pCGR-2 ($\Delta 15$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-7 ($\Delta 12$)
substrate→product	18:2 → α -18:3	18:2→ γ 18:3	α -18:3→18:4	18:1*→18:2
1 μ M sub.	ND	43.8	ND	ND
10 μ M sub.	ND	36.4	17.5	ND
25 μ M sub.	ND	25.2	12.9	ND
25 μ M \diamond sub.	16.4 \diamond	29.1 \diamond	ND	70.5 \diamond
50 μ M sub.	10.9 \diamond	ND	7.7	54.6*
100 μ M sub.	8.7 \diamond	6 \diamond	3.8	71.3

\diamond no glucose in media

* Yeast peptone broth (YPD)

* 18:1 is an endogenous yeast lipid

sub. is substrate concentration

ND (not done)

Table 4 shows the amount of fatty acid produced by a recombinant desaturase from induced yeast cultures when different amounts of free fatty acid substrate were used. Fatty acid weight was determined since the total amount of lipid varied dramatically when the growth conditions were changed, such as the presence of glucose in the yeast growth and induction media. To better determine the conditions when the recombinant desaturase would produce the most PUFA product, the quantity of individual fatty acids were examined. The absence of glucose dramatically reduced by three fold the amount of linoleic acid produced by recombinant $\Delta 12$ -desaturase. For the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase the amount of total yeast lipid was decreased by almost half in the absence of glucose. Conversely, the presence of glucose in the yeast growth media for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase drops the γ -linolenic acid produced by almost half, while the total amount of yeast lipid produced was not changed by the presence/absence of

glucose. This points to a possible role for glucose as a modulator of $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity.

Table 4

Fatty Acid Produced in μg from Yeast Extracts

Plasmid in Yeast (enzyme)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-7 ($\Delta 12$)
product	γ -18:3	18:4	18:2*
1 μM sub.	1.9	ND	ND
10 μM sub.	5.3	4.4	ND
25 μM sub.	10.3	8.7	115.7
25 μM \diamond sub.	29.6	ND	39 \diamond

\diamond no glucose in media

sub. is substrate concentration

ND (not done)

*18:1, the substrate, is an endogenous yeast lipid

Example 7

Distribution of PUFAs in Yeast Lipid Fractions

Table 5 illustrates the uptake of free fatty acids and their new products formed in yeast lipids as distributed in the major lipid fractions. A total lipid extract was prepared as described above. The lipid extract was separated on TLC plates, and the fractions were identified by comparison to standards. The bands were collected by scraping, and internal standards were added. The fractions were then saponified and methylated as above, and subjected to gas chromatography. The gas chromatograph calculated the amount of fatty acid by comparison to a standard. The phospholipid fraction contained the highest amount of substrate and product PUFAs for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity. It would appear that the substrates are accessible in the phospholipid form to the desaturases.

Table 5**Fatty Acid Distribution in Various Yeast Lipid Fractions in μg**

Fatty acid fraction	Phospholipid	Diglyceride	Free Fatty Acid	Triglyceride	Cholesterol Ester
SC (pCGR-5) substrate 18:2	166.6	6.2	15	18.2	15.6
SC (pCGR-5) product γ -18:3	61.7	1.6	4.2	5.9	1.2

SC = *S. cerevisiae* (plasmid)

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Example 8**Further Culture Optimization and Coexpression of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases**

This experiment was designed to evaluate the growth and induction conditions for optimal activities of desaturases in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. A *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain (SC334) capable of producing γ -linolenic acid (GLA) was developed, to assess the feasibility of production of PUFA in yeast.

10 The genes for $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases from *M. alpina* were coexpressed in SC334. Expression of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase converted oleic acid (present in yeast) to linoleic acid. The linoleic acid was used as a substrate by the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase to produce GLA. The quantity of GLA produced ranged between 5-8% of the

15 total fatty acids produced in SC334 cultures and the conversion rate of linoleic acid to γ -linolenic acid ranged between 30% to 50%. The induction temperature was optimized, and the effect of changing host strain and upstream promoter sequences on expression of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ (MA 524 and MA 648 respectively) desaturase genes was also determined.

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Plasmid Construction

The cloning of pCGR5 as well as pCGR7 has been discussed above. To construct pCGR9a and pCGR9b, the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were amplified using the following sets of primers. The primers pRDS1 and 3 had XhoI site and primers pRDS2 and 4 had XbaI site (indicated in bold). These primer sequences are presented as SEQ ID NO:15-18.

I. $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amplification primers

a. pRDS1 TAC CAA **CTC GAG** AAA ATG GCT GCT GCT CCC
AGT GTG AGG

b. pRDS2 AAC TGA **TCT AGA** TTA CTG CGC CTT ACC CAT
CTT GGA GGC

II. $\Delta 12$ -desaturase amplification primers

a. pRDS3 TAC CAA **CTC GAG** AAA ATG GCA CCT CCC
AAC ACT ATC GAT

b. pRDS4 AAC TGA **TCT AGA** TTA CTT CTT GAA AAA GAC
CAC GTC TCC

The pCGR5 and pCGR7 constructs were used as template DNA for amplification of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes, respectively. The amplified products were digested with XbaI and XhoI to create "sticky ends". The PCR amplified $\Delta 6$ -desaturase with XhoI-XbaI ends as cloned into pCGR7, which was also cut with XhoI-XbaI. This procedure placed the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase behind the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, under the control of an inducible promoter GAL1. This construct was designated pCGR9a. Similarly, to construct pCGR9b, the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase with XhoI-XbaI ends was cloned in the XhoI-XbaI sites of pCGR5. In pCGR9b the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase was behind the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene, away from the GAL promoter.

To construct pCGR10, the vector pRS425, which contains the constitutive Glyceraldehyde 3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase (GPD) promoter, was digested with BamHI and pCGR5 was digested with BamHI-XhoI to release the

$\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene. This $\Delta 6$ -desaturase fragment and BamHI cut pRS425 were filled using Klenow Polymerase to create blunt ends and ligated, resulting in pCGR10a and pCGR10b containing the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene in the sense and antisense orientation, respectively. To construct pCGR11 and pCGR12, the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were isolated from pCGR5 and pCGR7, respectively, using an EcoRI-XhoI double digest. The EcoRI-XhoI fragments of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases were cloned into the pYX242 vector digested with EcoRI-XhoI. The pYX242 vector has the promoter of TPI (a yeast housekeeping gene), which allows constitutive expression.

10 **Yeast Transformation and Expression**

Different combinations of pCGR5, pCGR7, pCGR9a, pCGR9b, pCGR10a, pCGR11 and pCGR12 were introduced into various host strains of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Transformation was done using PEG/LiAc protocol (Methods in Enzymology Vol. 194 (1991): 186-187). Transformants were selected by plating on synthetic media lacking the appropriate amino acid. The pCGR5, pCGR7, pCGR9a and pCGR9b can be selected on media lacking uracil. The pCGR10, pCGR11 and pCGR12 constructs can be selected on media lacking leucine. Growth of cultures and fatty acid analysis was performed as in Example 5 above.

20 **Production of GLA**

Production of GLA requires the expression of two enzymes (the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases), which are absent in yeast. To express these enzymes at optimum levels the following constructs or combinations of constructs, were introduced into various host strains:

- 25 1) pCGR9a/SC334
- 2) pCGR9b/SC334
- 3) pCGR10a and pCGR7/SC334
- 4) pCGR11 and pCGR7/SC334
- 5) pCGR12 and pCGR5/SC334

6) pCGR10a and pCGR7/DBY746

7) pCGR10a and pCGR7/DBY746

The pCGR9a construct has both the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes under the control of an inducible GAL promoter. The SC334 host cells transformed with this construct did not show any GLA accumulation in total fatty acids (Fig. 6A and B, lane 1). However, when the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were individually controlled by the GAL promoter, the control constructs were able to express $\Delta 6$ - and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, as evidenced by the conversion of their respective substrates to products. The $\Delta 12$ -desaturase gene in pCGR9a was expressed as evidenced by the conversion of 18:1 ω 9 to 18:2 ω 6 in pCGR9a/SC334, while the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene was not expressed/active, because the 18:2 ω 6 was not being converted to 18:3 ω 6 (Fig. 6A and B, lane 1).

The pCGR9b construct also had both the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes under the control of the GAL promoter but in an inverse order compared to pCGR9a. In this case, very little GLA (<1%) was seen in pCGR9b/SC334 cultures. The expression of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase was also very low, as evidenced by the low percentage of 18:2 ω 6 in the total fatty acids (Fig. 6A and B, lane 1).

To test if expressing both enzymes under the control of independent promoters would increase GLA production, the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene was cloned into the pRS425 vector. The construct of pCGR10a has the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase in the correct orientation, under control of constitutive GPD promoter. The pCGR10b has the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene in the inverse orientation, and serves as the negative control. The pCGR10a/SC334 cells produced significantly higher levels of GLA (5% of the total fatty acids, Fig. 6, lane 3), compared to pCGR9a. Both the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were expressed at high level because the conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 was 65%, while the conversion of 18:2 ω 6 \rightarrow 18:3 ω 6 ($\Delta 6$ -desaturase) was 30% (Fig. 6, lane 3). As expected, the negative control pCGR10b/SC334 did not show any GLA.

To further optimize GLA production, the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ genes were introduced into the pYX242 vector, creating pCGR11 and pCGR12

respectively. The pYX242 vector allows for constitutive expression by the TP1 promoter (Alber, T. and Kawasaki, G. (1982). *J. Mol. & Appl. Genetics* 1: 419). The introduction of pCGR11 and pCGR7 in SC334 resulted in approximately 8% of GLA in total fatty acids of SC334. The rate of conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 and 18:2 ω 6 \rightarrow 18:3 ω 6 was approximately 50% and 44% respectively (Fig. 6A and B, lane 4). The presence of pCGR12 and pCGR5 in SC334 resulted in 6.6% GLA in total fatty acids with a conversion rate of approximately 50% for both 18:1 ω 9 to 18:2 ω 6 and 18:2 ω 6 to 18:3 ω 6, respectively (Fig. 6A and B, lane 5). Thus although the quantity of GLA in total fatty acids was higher in the pCGR11/pCGR7 combination of constructs, the conversion rates of substrate to product were better for the pCGR12/pCGR5 combination.

To determine if changing host strain would increase GLA production, pCGR10a and pCGR7 were introduced into the host strain BJ1995 and DBY746 (obtained from the Yeast Genetic Stock Centre, 1021 Donner Laboratory, Berkeley, CA 94720. The genotype of strain DBY746 is Mat α , his3- Δ 1, leu2-3, leu2-112, ura3-32, trp1-289, gal). The results are shown in Fig. 7. Changing host strain to BJ1995 did not improve the GLA production, because the quantity of GLA was only 1.31% of total fatty acids and the conversion rate of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 was approximately 17% in BJ1995. No GLA was observed in DBY746 and the conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 was very low (<1% in control) suggesting that a cofactor required for the expression of Δ 12-desaturase might be missing in DB746 (Fig. 7, lane 2).

To determine the effect of temperature on GLA production, SC334 cultures containing pCGR10a and pCGR7 were grown at 15°C and 30°C. Higher levels of GLA were found in cultures grown and induced at 15°C than those in cultures grown at 30°C (4.23% vs. 1.68%). This was due to a lower conversion rate of 18:2 ω 6 \rightarrow 18:3 ω 6 at 30°C (11.6% vs. 29% in 15°C) cultures, despite a higher conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 (65% vs. 60% at 30°C (Fig. 8). These results suggest that Δ 12- and Δ 6-desaturases may have different optimal expression temperatures.

Of the various parameters examined in this study, temperature of growth, yeast host strain and media components had the most significant impact on the expression of desaturase, while timing of substrate addition and concentration of inducer did not significantly affect desaturase expression.

5 These data show that two DNAs encoding desaturases that can convert LA to GLA or oleic acid to LA can be isolated from *Mortierella alpina* and can be expressed, either individually or in combination, in a heterologous system and used to produce poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acids. Exemplified is the production of GLA from oleic acid by expression of $\Delta 12$ - and $\Delta 6$ -desaturases in
10 yeast.

Example 9

Identification of Homologues to *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ desaturases

A nucleic acid sequence that encodes a putative $\Delta 5$ desaturase was identified through a TBLASTN search of the expressed sequence tag databases
15 through NCBI using amino acids 100-446 of Ma29 as a query. The truncated portion of the Ma29 sequence was used to avoid picking up homologies based on the cytochrome b5 portion at the N-terminus of the desaturase. The deduced amino acid sequence of an est from *Dictyostelium discoideum* (accession # C25549) shows very significant homology to Ma29 and lesser, but still
20 significant homology to Ma524. The DNA sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:19. The amino acid sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:20.

Example 10

Identification of *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ homologues in other PUFA-producing organisms

25 To look for desaturases involved in PUFA production, a cDNA library was constructed from total RNA isolated from *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*. A plasmid-based cDNA library was constructed in pSPORT1 (GIBCO-BRL)

following manufacturer's instructions using a commercially available kit (GIBCO-BRL). Random cDNA clones were sequenced and nucleic acid sequences that encode putative $\Delta 5$ or $\Delta 6$ desaturases were identified through BLAST search of the databases and comparison to Ma29 and Ma524 sequences.

5 One clone was identified from the *Phaeodactylum* library with homology to Ma29 and Ma524; it is called 144-011-B12. The DNA sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:21. The amino acid sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:22.

Example 11

10 Identification of *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ homologues in other PUFA-producing organisms

To look for desaturases involved in PUFA production, a cDNA library was constructed from total RNA isolated from *Schizochytrium* species. A plasmid-based cDNA library was constructed in pSPORT1 (GIBCO-BRL) following manufacturer's instructions using a commercially available kit (GIBCO-BRL). Random cDNA clones were sequenced and nucleic acid sequences that encode putative $\Delta 5$ or $\Delta 6$ desaturases were identified through BLAST search of the databases and comparison to Ma29 and Ma524 sequences.

20 One clone was identified from the *Schizochytrium* library with homology to Ma29 and Ma524; it is called 81-23-C7. This clone contains a ~1 kb insert. Partial sequence was obtained from each end of the clone using the universal forward and reverse sequencing primers. The DNA sequence from the forward primer is presented as SEQ ID NO:23. The peptide sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:24. The DNA sequence from the reverse primer is presented as SEQ ID NO:25. The amino acid sequence from the reverse primer is presented as SEQ ID NO:26.

Example 12

Human Desaturase Gene Sequences

Human desaturase gene sequences potentially involved in long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis were isolated based on homology
5 between the human cDNA sequences and *Mortierella alpina* desaturase gene sequences. The three conserved "histidine boxes" known to be conserved among membrane-bound desaturases were found. As with some other membrane-bound desaturases the final HXXHH histidine box motif was found to be QXXHH. The amino acid sequence of the putative human desaturases
10 exhibited homology to *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$, $\Delta 6$, $\Delta 9$, and $\Delta 12$ desaturases.

The *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ desaturase and $\Delta 6$ desaturase cDNA sequences were used to search the LifeSeq database of Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Palo Alto, California 94304. The $\Delta 5$ desaturase sequence was divided into fragments; 1) amino acid no. 1-150, 2) amino acid no. 151-300, and 3) amino acid no. 301-
15 446. The $\Delta 6$ desaturase sequence was divided into three fragments; 1) amino acid no. 1-150, 2) amino acid no. 151-300, and 3) amino acid no. 301-457. These polypeptide fragments were searched against the database using the "tblastn" algorithm. This algorithm compares a protein query sequence against a nucleotide sequence database dynamically translated in all six reading frames
20 (both strands).

The polypeptide fragments 2 and 3 of *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ have homologies with the CloneID sequences as outlined in Table 6. The CloneID represents an individual sequence from the Incyte LifeSeq database. After the "tblastn" results have been reviewed, Clone Information was searched with the
25 default settings of Stringency of ≥ 50 , and Productscore ≤ 100 for different CloneID numbers. The Clone Information Results displayed the information including the ClusterID, CloneID, Library, HitID, Hit Description. When selected, the ClusterID number displayed the clone information of all the clones that belong in that ClusterID. The Assemble command assembles all of the
30 CloneID which comprise the ClusterID. The following default settings were

used for GCG (Genetics Computer Group, University of Wisconsin Biotechnology Center, Madison, Wisconsin 53705) Assembly:

	Word Size:	7
5	Minimum Overlap:	14
	Stringency:	0.8
	Minimum Identity:	14
	Maximum Gap:	10
	Gap Weight:	8
10	Length Weight:	2

GCG Assembly Results displayed the contigs generated on the basis of sequence information within the CloneID. A contig is an alignment of DNA sequences based on areas of homology among these sequences. A new
 15 sequence (consensus sequence) was generated based on the aligned DNA sequences within a contig. The contig containing the CloneID was identified, and the ambiguous sites of the consensus sequence was edited based on the alignment of the CloneIDs (see SEQ ID NO:27 - SEQ ID NO:32) to generate the best possible sequence. The procedure was repeated for all six CloneID
 20 listed in Table 6. This produced five unique contigs. The edited consensus sequences of the 5 contigs were imported into the Sequencher software program (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105). These consensus sequences were assembled. The contig 2511785 overlaps with contig 3506132, and this new contig was called 2535 (SEQ ID NO:33). The contigs from the
 25 Sequencher program were copied into the Sequence Analysis software package of GCG.

Each contig was translated in all six reading frames into protein sequences. The *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ (MA29) and $\Delta 6$ (MA524) sequences were compared with each of the translated contigs using the FastA search (a Pearson

and Lipman search for similarity between a query sequence and a group of sequences of the same type (nucleic acid or protein)). Homology among these sequences suggest the open reading frames of each contig. The homology among the *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ to contigs 2535 and 3854933 were utilized to create the final contig called 253538a. Figure 13 is the FastA match of the final contig 253538a and MA29, and Figure 14 is the FastA match of the final contig 253538a and MA524. The DNA sequences for the various contigs are presented in SEQ ID NO:27 -SEQ ID NO:33 The various peptide sequences are shown in SEQ ID NO:34 - SEQ ID NO: 40.

Although the open reading frame was generated by merging the two contigs, the contig 2535 shows that there is a unique sequence in the beginning of this contig which does not match with the contig 3854933. Therefore, it is possible that these contigs were generated from independent desaturase like human genes.

The contig 253538a contains an open reading frame encoding 432 amino acids. It starts with Gln (CAG) and ends with the stop codon (TGA). The contig 253538a aligns with both *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ sequences, suggesting that it could be either of the desaturases, as well as other known desaturases which share homology with each other. The individual contigs listed in Table 18, as well as the intermediate contig 2535 and the final contig 253538a can be utilized to isolate the complete genes for human desaturases.

Uses of the human desaturases

These human sequences can be express in yeast and plants utilizing the procedures described in the preceding examples. For expression in mammalian cells transgenic animals, these genes may provide superior codon bias.

In addition, these sequences can be used to isolate related desaturase genes from other organisms.

Table 6

Sections of the Desaturases	Clone ID from LifeSeq Database	Keyword
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151-300 $\Delta 5$	3808675	fatty acid desaturase
301-446 $\Delta 5$	354535	$\Delta 6$
151-300 $\Delta 6$	3448789	$\Delta 6$
151-300 $\Delta 6$	1362863	$\Delta 6$
151-300 $\Delta 6$	2394760	$\Delta 6$
301-457 $\Delta 6$	3350263	$\Delta 6$

Example 13

I. INFANT FORMULATIONS

A. Isomil® Soy Formula with Iron.

5 Usage: As a beverage for infants, children and adults with an allergy or sensitivity to cow's milk. A feeding for patients with disorders for which lactose should be avoided: lactase deficiency, lactose intolerance and galactosemia.

Features:

- 10 • Soy protein isolate to avoid symptoms of cow's-milk-protein allergy or sensitivity
- Lactose-free formulation to avoid lactose-associated diarrhea
- Low osmolality (240 mOsm/kg water) to reduce risk of osmotic diarrhea.
- 15 • Dual carbohydrates (corn syrup and sucrose) designed to enhance carbohydrate absorption and reduce the risk of exceeding the absorptive capacity of the damaged gut.
- 1.8 mg of Iron (as ferrous sulfate) per 100 Calories to help prevent iron deficiency.
- 20 • Recommended levels of vitamins and minerals.
- Vegetable oils to provide recommended levels of essential fatty acids.
- Milk-white color, milk-like consistency and pleasant aroma.

Ingredients: (Pareve, ©) 85% water, 4.9% corn syrup, 2.6% sugar (sucrose), 2.1% soy oil, 1.9% soy protein isolate, 1.4% coconut oil, 0.15% calcium citrate, 0.11 % calcium phosphate tribasic, potassium citrate, potassium phosphate monobasic, potassium chloride, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, carrageenan, ascorbic acid, L-methionine, magnesium chloride, potassium phosphate dibasic, sodium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, L-carnitine, niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

B. Isomil® DF Soy Formula For Diarrhea.

Usage: As a short-term feeding for the dietary management of diarrhea in infants and toddlers.

Features:

- First infant formula to contain added dietary fiber from soy fiber specifically for diarrhea management.
- Clinically shown to reduce the duration of loose, watery stools during mild to severe diarrhea in infants.
- Nutritionally complete to meet the nutritional needs of the infant.
- Soy protein isolate with added L-methionine meets or exceeds an infant's requirement for all essential amino acids.
- Lactose-free formulation to avoid lactose-associated diarrhea.
- Low osmolality (240 mOsm/kg water) to reduce the risk of osmotic diarrhea.
- Dual carbohydrates (corn syrup and sucrose) designed to enhance carbohydrate absorption and reduce the risk of exceeding the absorptive capacity of the damaged gut.

- Meets or exceeds the vitamin and mineral levels recommended by the Committee on Nutrition of the American Academy of Pediatrics and required by the Infant Formula Act.

- 1.8 mg of iron (as ferrous sulfate) per 100 Calories to help prevent iron deficiency.

- Vegetable oils to provide recommended levels of essential fatty acids.

Ingredients: (Pareve, ®) 86% water, 4.8% corn syrup, 2.5% sugar (sucrose), 2.1% soy oil, 2.0% soy protein isolate, 1.4% coconut oil, 0.77% soy fiber, 0.12% calcium citrate, 0.11 % calcium phosphate tribasic, 0.10% potassium citrate, potassium chloride, potassium phosphate monobasic, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, carrageenan, magnesium chloride, ascorbic acid, L-methionine, potassium phosphate dibasic, sodium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, L-carnitine, niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

C. Isomil® SF Sucrose-Free Soy Formula With Iron.

Usage: As a beverage for infants, children and adults with an allergy or sensitivity to cow's-milk protein or an intolerance to sucrose. A feeding for patients with disorders for which lactose and sucrose should be avoided.

Features:

- Soy protein isolate to avoid symptoms of cow's-milk-protein allergy or sensitivity.
- Lactose-free formulation to avoid lactose-associated diarrhea (carbohydrate source is Polycose® Glucose Polymers).
- Sucrose free for the patient who cannot tolerate sucrose.

- Low osmolality (180 mOsm/kg water) to reduce risk of osmotic diarrhea.
- 1.8 mg of iron (as ferrous sulfate) per 100 Calories to help prevent iron deficiency.
- 5 • Recommended levels of vitamins and minerals.
- Vegetable oils to provide recommended levels of essential fatty acids.
- Milk-white color, milk-like consistency and pleasant aroma.

Ingredients: (Pareve, ©) 75% water, 11.8% hydrolyzed cornstarch, 4.1%
 10 soy oil, 4.1% soy protein isolate, 2.8% coconut oil, 1.0% modified cornstarch,
 0.38% calcium phosphate tribasic, 0.17% potassium citrate, 0.13% potassium
 chloride, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, magnesium chloride, ascorbic
 acid, L-methionine, calcium carbonate, sodium chloride, choline chloride,
 15 carrageenan, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc
 sulfate, L-carnitine, niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin
 A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine
 hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone,
 biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

D. Isomil® 20 Soy Formula With Iron Ready To Feed,
 20 **20 Cal/fl oz.**

Usage: When a soy feeding is desired.

Ingredients: (Pareve, ©) 85% water, 4.9% corn syrup, 2.6% sugar
 (sucrose), 2.1% soy oil, 1.9% soy protein isolate, 1.4% coconut oil, 0.15%
 calcium citrate, 0.11% calcium phosphate tribasic, potassium citrate, potassium
 25 phosphate monobasic, potassium chloride, mono- and diglycerides, soy
 lecithin, carrageenan, ascorbic acid, L-methionine, magnesium chloride,
 potassium phosphate dibasic, sodium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, ferrous
 sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, L-carnitine,
 niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate,
 30 thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic

acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

E. Similac® Infant Formula

Usage: When an infant formula is needed: if the decision is made to
5 discontinue breastfeeding before age 1 year, if a supplement to breastfeeding is
needed or as a routine feeding if breastfeeding is not adopted.

Features:

- Protein of appropriate quality and quantity for good growth;
10 heat-denatured, which reduces the risk of milk-associated enteric blood
loss.
- Fat from a blend of vegetable oils (doubly homogenized),
providing essential linoleic acid that is easily absorbed.
- Carbohydrate as lactose in proportion similar to that of human
milk.
- 15 • Low renal solute load to minimize stress on developing organs.
- Powder, Concentrated Liquid and Ready To Feed forms.

Ingredients: (©-D) Water, nonfat milk, lactose, soy oil, coconut oil,
mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, ascorbic acid, carrageenan, choline
chloride, taurine, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, niacinamid,
20 ferrous sulfate, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate,
thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic
acid, manganese sulfate, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and
cyanocobalamin.

F. Similac® NeoCare Premature Infant Formula With Iron

25 Usage: For premature infants' special nutritional needs after hospital
discharge. Similac NeoCare is a nutritionally complete formula developed to
provide premature infants with extra calories, protein, vitamins and minerals
needed to promote catch-up growth and support development.

Features:

- Reduces the need for caloric and vitamin supplementation. More calories (22 Cal/fl oz) than standard term formulas (20 Cal/fl oz).
- Highly absorbed fat blend, with medium-chain triglycerides (MCT oil) to help meet the special digestive needs of premature infants.
- 5 • Higher levels of protein, vitamins and minerals per 100 Calories to extend the nutritional support initiated in-hospital.
- More calcium and phosphorus for improved bone mineralization.

Ingredients: ©-D Corn syrup solids, nonfat milk, lactose, whey protein concentrate, soy oil, high-oleic safflower oil, fractionated coconut oil (medium-chain triglycerides), coconut oil, potassium citrate, calcium phosphate tribasic, 10 calcium carbonate, ascorbic acid, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride, sodium chloride, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, choline chloride, ascorbyl palmitate, L-carnitine, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, niacinamide, mixed tocopherols, sodium citrate, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, 15 thiamine chloride hydrochloride, vitamin A palmitate, beta carotene, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

G. Similac Natural Care Low-Iron Human Milk Fortifier Ready To Use, 24 Cal/fl oz.

20 Usage: Designed to be mixed with human milk or to be fed alternatively with human milk to low-birth-weight infants.

Ingredients: ©-D Water, nonfat milk, hydrolyzed cornstarch, lactose, fractionated coconut oil (medium-chain triglycerides), whey protein concentrate, soy oil, coconut oil, calcium phosphate tribasic, potassium citrate, 25 magnesium chloride, sodium citrate, ascorbic acid, calcium carbonate, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, carrageenan, choline chloride, m-inositol, taurine, niacinamide, L-carnitine, alpha tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, potassium chloride, calcium pantothenate, ferrous sulfate, cupric sulfate, riboflavin, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, pyridoxine

hydrochloride, biotin, folic acid, manganese sulfate, phylloquinone, vitamin D₃, sodium selenite and cyanocobalamin.

Various PUFAs of this invention can be substituted and/or added to the infant formulae described above and to other infant formulae known to those in the art..

II. NUTRITIONAL FORMULATIONS

A. ENSURE®

Usage: ENSURE is a low-residue liquid food designed primarily as an oral nutritional supplement to be used with or between meals or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets. Although it is primarily an oral supplement, it can be fed by tube.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients on modified diets
- For elderly patients at nutrition risk
- For patients with involuntary weight loss
- For patients recovering from illness or surgery
- For patients who need a low-residue diet

Ingredients:

®-D Water, Sugar (Sucrose), Maltodextrin (Corn), Calcium and Sodium Caseinates, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Soy Protein Isolate, Soy Oil, Canola Oil, Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Sodium Citrate, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Phosphate Dibasic, Artificial Flavor, Sodium Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Carrageenan, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Gellan Gum, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Folic Acid, Sodium Molybdate, Chromium Chloride, Biotin, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate.

B. ENSURE® BARS

Usage: ENSURE BARS are complete, balanced nutrition for supplemental use between or with meals. They provide a delicious, nutrient-rich alternative to other snacks. ENSURE BARS contain <1 g lactose/bar, and Chocolate Fudge Brownie flavor is gluten-free. (Honey Graham Crunch flavor contains gluten.)

Patient Conditions:

- For patients who need extra calories, protein, vitamins and minerals
- 10 • Especially useful for people who do not take in enough calories and nutrients
- For people who have the ability to chew and swallow
- Not to be used by anyone with a peanut allergy or any type of allergy to nuts.

Ingredients:

Honey Graham Crunch -- High-Fructose Corn Syrup, Soy Protein Isolate, Brown Sugar, Honey, Maltodextrin (Corn), Crisp Rice (Milled Rice, Sugar [Sucrose], Salt [Sodium Chloride] and Malt), Oat Bran, Partially Hydrogenated Cottonseed and Soy Oils, Soy Polysaccharide, Glycerine, Whey Protein Concentrate, Polydextrose, Fructose, Calcium Caseinate, Cocoa Powder, Artificial Flavors, Canola Oil, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Nonfat Dry Milk, Whey Powder, Soy Lecithin and Corn Oil. Manufactured in a facility that processes nuts.

Vitamins and Minerals:

25 Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Potassium Phosphate Dibasic, Magnesium Oxide, Salt (Sodium Chloride), Potassium Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Ferric Orthophosphate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Zinc Oxide, Calcium Pantothenate, Copper Gluconate, Manganese Sulfate, Riboflavin, Beta-Carotene, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Thiamine Mononitrate, Folic Acid, Biotin,

Chromium Chloride, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Sodium Molybdate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein:

5 **Honey Graham Crunch** - The protein source is a blend of soy protein isolate and milk proteins.

Soy protein isolate	74%
Milk proteins	26%

Fat:

10 **Honey Graham Crunch** - The fat source is a blend of partially hydrogenated cottonseed and soybean, canola, high oleic safflower, and corn oils, and soy lecithin.

Partially hydrogenated cottonseed and soybean oil	76%
Canola oil	8%
High-oleic safflower oil	8%
15 Corn oil	4%
Soy lecithin	4%

Carbohydrate:

20 **Honey Graham Crunch** - The carbohydrate source is a combination of high-fructose corn syrup, brown sugar, maltodextrin, honey, crisp rice, glycerine, soy polysaccharide, and oat bran.

High-fructose corn syrup	24%
Brown sugar	21%
Maltodextrin	12%
Honey	11%
25 Crisp rice	9%
Glycerine	9%
Soy polysaccharide	7%
Oat bran	7%\

C. ENSURE® HIGH PROTEIN

Usage: ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN is a concentrated, high-protein liquid food designed for people who require additional calories, protein, vitamins, and minerals in their diets. It can be used as an oral nutritional supplement with or between meals or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use by people recovering from general surgery or hip fractures and by patients at risk for pressure ulcers.

Patient Conditions

- For patients who require additional calories, protein, vitamins, and minerals, such as patients recovering from general surgery or hip fractures, patients at risk for pressure ulcers, and patients on low-cholesterol diets

Features-

- Low in saturated fat
- Contains 6 g of total fat and < 5 mg of cholesterol per serving
- Rich, creamy taste
- Excellent source of protein, calcium, and other essential vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose-free, easily digested

Ingredients:

Vanilla Supreme: -D Water, Sugar (Sucrose), Maltodextrin (Corn), Calcium and Sodium Caseinates, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Soy Protein Isolate, Soy Oil, Canola Oil, Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Sodium Citrate, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Phosphate Dibasic, Artificial Flavor, Sodium Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Carrageenan, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Gellan Gum, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride,

Riboflavin, Folic Acid, Sodium Molybdate, Chromium Chloride, Biotin, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein:

5 The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins: casein and soy.

Sodium and calcium caseinates	85%
Soy protein isolate	15%

Fat:

10 The fat source is a blend of three oils: high-oleic safflower, canola, and soy.

High-oleic safflower oil	40%
Canola oil	30%
Soy oil	30%

15 The level of fat in ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN meets American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. The 6 grams of fat in ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN represent 24% of the total calories, with 2.6% of the fat being from saturated fatty acids and 7.9% from polyunsaturated fatty acids. These values are within the AHA guidelines of $\leq 30\%$ of total calories from fat, $< 10\%$ of the calories from saturated fatty acids, and $\leq 10\%$ of total calories from

20 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

Carbohydrate:

ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla supreme, chocolate royal, wild berry, and banana), plus VARI-FLAVORSO® Flavor Pacs in pecan,

25 cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

Sucrose	60%
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Maltodextrin	40%
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Chocolate

Sucrose	70%
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Maltodextrin	30%
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D. ENSURE® LIGHT

Usage: ENSURE LIGHT is a low-fat liquid food designed for use as an oral nutritional supplement with or between meals. ENSURE LIGHT is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets.

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Patient Conditions:

- For normal-weight or overweight patients who need extra nutrition in a supplement that contains 50% less fat and 20% fewer calories than ENSURE
- For healthy adults who don't eat right and need extra nutrition

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Features:

- Low in fat and saturated fat
- Contains 3 g of total fat per serving and < 5 mg cholesterol
- Rich, creamy taste
- Excellent source of calcium and other essential vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose-free, easily digested

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Ingredients:

French Vanilla: ®-D Water, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sugar (Sucrose), Calcium Caseinate, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Canola Oil, Magnesium Chloride, Sodium Citrate, Potassium Citrate, Potassium Phosphate Dibasic, Magnesium Phosphate Dibasic, Natural and Artificial Flavor, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Cellulose Gel, Choline Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Carrageenan, Salt (Sodium Chloride),

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Ascorbic Acid, Cellulose Gum, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Zinc Sulfate, Niacinamide, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Pantothenate, Cupric Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Vitamin A Palmitate, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Chromium Chloride, Folic Acid, Sodium Molybdate, Biotin, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein:

The protein source is calcium caseinate.

Calcium caseinate	100%
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10 Fat

The fat source is a blend of two oils: high-oleic safflower and canola.

High-oleic safflower oil	70%
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Canola oil	30%
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The level of fat in ENSURE LIGHT meets American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. The 3 grams of fat in ENSURE LIGHT represent 13.5% of the total calories, with 1.4% of the fat being from saturated fatty acids and 2.6% from polyunsaturated fatty acids. These values are within the AHA guidelines of $\leq 30\%$ of total calories from fat, $< 10\%$ of the calories from saturated fatty acids, and $\leq 10\%$ of total calories from polyunsaturated fatty acids.

20 Carbohydrate

ENSURE LIGHT contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The chocolate flavor contains corn syrup as well. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (French vanilla, chocolate supreme, strawberry swirl), plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

Sucrose	51%
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Maltodextrin	49%
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Chocolate

Sucrose	47.0%
Corn Syrup	26.5%
Maltodextrin	26.5%

5 **Vitamins and Minerals**

An 8-fl-oz serving of ENSURE LIGHT provides at least 25% of the RDIs for 24 key vitamins and minerals.

Caffeine

Chocolate flavor contains 2.1 mg caffeine/8 fl oz.

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E. ENSURE PLUS®

Usage: ENSURE PLUS is a high-calorie, low-residue liquid food for use when extra calories and nutrients, but a normal concentration of protein, are needed. It is designed primarily as an oral nutritional supplement to be used with or between meals or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE PLUS is lactose- and gluten-free. Although it is primarily an oral nutritional supplement, it can be fed by tube.

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Patient Conditions:

- For patients who require extra calories and nutrients, but a normal concentration of protein, in a limited volume
- For patients who need to gain or maintain healthy weight

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Features

- Rich, creamy taste
- Good source of essential vitamins and minerals

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Ingredients

Vanilla: ®-D Water, Corn Syrup, Maltodextrin (Corn), Corn Oil, Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Sugar (Sucrose), Soy Protein Isolate, Magnesium Chloride,

Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Soy Lecithin, Natural and Artificial Flavor, Sodium Citrate, Potassium Chloride, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Carrageenan, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Vitamin A Palmitate, Folic Acid, Biotin, Chromium Chloride, Sodium Molybdate, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Phylloquinone, Cyanocobalamin and Vitamin D₃.

Protein

The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins: casein and soy.

Sodium and calcium caseinates	84%
Soy protein isolate	16%

Fat

The fat source is corn oil.

Corn oil	100%
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Carbohydrate

ENSURE PLUS contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, coffee, butter pecan, and eggnog), plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla, strawberry, butter pecan, and coffee flavors

Corn Syrup	39%
Maltodextrin	38%
Sucrose	23%

Chocolate and eggnog flavors

Corn Syrup	36%
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Maltodextrin 34%

Sucrose 30%

Vitamins and Minerals

5 An 8-fl-oz serving of ENSURE PLUS provides at least 15% of the RDIs for 25 key Vitamins and minerals.

Caffeine

Chocolate flavor contains 3.1 mg Caffeine/8 fl oz. Coffee flavor contains a trace amount of caffeine.

10 **F. ENSURE PLUS® HN**

Usage: ENSURE PLUS HN is a nutritionally complete high-calorie, high-nitrogen liquid food designed for people with higher calorie and protein needs or limited volume tolerance. It may be used for oral supplementation or for total nutritional support by tube. ENSURE PLUS HN is lactose- and gluten-
15 free.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients with increased calorie and protein needs, such as following surgery or injury
- For patients with limited volume tolerance and early satiety

20 **Features**

- For supplemental or total nutrition
- For oral or tube feeding
- 1.5 CaVmL
- High nitrogen
- 25 • Calorically dense

Ingredients

Vanilla: ©-D Water, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Corn Oil, Sugar (Sucrose), Soy Protein Isolate, Magnesium Chloride, Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Soy Lecithin, Natural and Artificial Flavor, Sodium Citrate, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Taurine, L-Carnitine, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Carrageenan, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Vitamin A Palmitate, Folic Acid, Biotin, Chromium Chloride, Sodium Molybdate, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Phylloquinone, Cyanocobalamin and Vitamin D₃.

G. ENSURE® POWDER

Usage: ENSURE POWDER (reconstituted with water) is a low-residue liquid food designed primarily as an oral nutritional supplement to be used with or between meals. ENSURE POWDER is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients on modified diets
- For elderly patients at nutrition risk
- For patients recovering from illness/surgery
- For patients who need a low-residue diet

Features

- Convenient, easy to mix
- Low in saturated fat
- Contains 9 g of total fat and < 5 mg of cholesterol per serving
- High in vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose-free, easily digested

Ingredients: ®-D Corn Syrup, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sugar (Sucrose), Corn Oil, Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Soy Protein Isolate, Artificial Flavor, Potassium Citrate, Magnesium Chloride, Sodium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Potassium Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Ascorbic Acid, Choline Chloride, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Cupric Sulfate, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Vitamin A Palmitate, Folic Acid, Biotin, Sodium Molybdate, Chromium Chloride, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

10 **Protein**

The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins: casein and soy.

Sodium and calcium caseinates	84%
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Soy protein isolate	16%
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15 **Fat**

The fat source is corn oil.

Corn oil	100%
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Carbohydrate

20 ENSURE POWDER contains a combination of corn syrup, maltodextrin, and sucrose. The mild sweetness of ENSURE POWDER, plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, helps to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla

Corn Syrup	35%
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25 Maltodextrin	35%
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Sucrose	30%
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H. ENSURE® PUDDING

Usage: ENSURE PUDDING is a nutrient-dense supplement providing balanced nutrition in a nonliquid form to be used with or between meals. It is appropriate for consistency-modified diets (e.g., soft, pureed, or full liquid) or for people with swallowing impairments. ENSURE PUDDING is gluten-free.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients on consistency-modified diets (e.g., soft, pureed, or full liquid)
- For patients with swallowing impairments

Features

- Rich and creamy, good taste
- Good source of essential vitamins and minerals Convenient-needs no refrigeration
- Gluten-free

Nutrient Profile per 5 oz: Calories 250, Protein 10.9%, Total Fat 34.9%, Carbohydrate 54.2%

Ingredients:

Vanilla: ®-D Nonfat Milk, Water, Sugar (Sucrose), Partially Hydrogenated Soybean Oil, Modified Food Starch, Magnesium Sulfate. Sodium Stearoyl Lactylate, Sodium Phosphate Dibasic, Artificial Flavor, Ascorbic Acid, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Choline Chloride, Niacinamide, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Pantothenate, FD&C Yellow #5, Potassium Citrate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, FD&C Yellow #6, Folic Acid, Biotin, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D3 and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein

The protein source is nonfat milk.

Nonfat milk

100%

Fat

The fat source is hydrogenated soybean oil.

Hydrogenated soybean oil	100%
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Carbohydrate

5 ENSURE PUDDING contains a combination of sucrose and modified food starch. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla, chocolate, butterscotch, and tapioca) help prevent flavor fatigue. The product contains 9.2 grams of lactose per serving.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

10	Sucrose	56%
	Lactose	27%
	Modified food starch	17%

Chocolate

	Sucrose	58%
15	Lactose	26%
	Modified food starch	16%

I. ENSURE® WITH FIBER

Usage: ENSURE WITH FIBER is a fiber-containing, nutritionally
 20 complete liquid food designed for people who can benefit from increased dietary fiber and nutrients. ENSURE WITH FIBER is suitable for people who do not require a low-residue diet. It can be fed orally or by tube, and can be used as a nutritional supplement to a regular diet or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE WITH FIBER is lactose- and gluten-free, and is
 25 suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets.

Patient Conditions

- For patients who can benefit from increased dietary fiber and nutrients

Features

- New advanced formula-low in saturated fat, higher in vitamins and minerals
- Contains 6 g of total fat and < 5 mg of cholesterol per serving
- Rich, creamy taste
- 5 • Good source of fiber
- Excellent source of essential vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose- and gluten-free

Ingredients

- 10 **Vanilla:** ©-D Water, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sugar (Sucrose), Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Oat Fiber, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Canola Oil, Soy Protein Isolate, Corn Oil, Soy Fiber, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Magnesium Chloride, Potassium Citrate, Cellulose Gel, Soy Lecithin, Potassium Phosphate Dibasic, Sodium Citrate, Natural and Artificial Flavors, Choline Chloride,
- 15 Magnesium Phosphate, Ascorbic Acid, Cellulose Gum, Potassium Chloride, Carrageenan, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Zinc Sulfate, Niacinamide, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Pantothenate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Folic Acid, Chromium Chloride, Biotin, Sodium
- 20 Molybdate, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein

The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins- casein and soy.

25	Sodium and calcium caseinates	80%
	Soy protein isolate	20%

Fat

The fat source is a blend of three oils: high-oleic safflower, canola, and corn.

	High-oleic safflower oil	40%
5	Canola oil	40%
	Corn oil	20%

The level of fat in ENSURE WITH FIBER meets American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. The 6 grams of fat in ENSURE WITH FIBER represent 22% of the total calories, with 2.01 % of the fat being from saturated fatty acids and 6.7% from polyunsaturated fatty acids. These values are within the AHA guidelines of $\leq 30\%$ of total calories from fat, $< 10\%$ of the calories from saturated fatty acids, and $\leq 10\%$ of total calories from polyunsaturated fatty acids.

Carbohydrate

ENSURE WITH FIBER contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla, chocolate, and butter pecan), plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Packs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

20	Maltodextrin	66%
	Sucrose	25%
	Oat Fiber	7%
	Soy Fiber	2%

Chocolate

25	Maltodextrin	55%
	Sucrose	36%
	Oat Fiber	7%

Soy Fiber

2%

Fiber

The fiber blend used in ENSURE WITH FIBER consists of oat fiber and soy polysaccharide. This blend results in approximately 4 grams of total dietary fiber per 8-fl-oz can. The ratio of insoluble to soluble fiber is 95:5.

The various nutritional supplements described above and known to others of skill in the art can be substituted and/or supplemented with the PUFAs of this invention.

J. Oxepa™ Nutritional Product

Oxepa is low-carbohydrate, calorically dense enteral nutritional product designed for the dietary management of patients with or at risk for ARDS. It has a unique combination of ingredients, including a patented oil blend containing eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA from fish oil), γ -linolenic acid (GLA from borage oil), and elevated antioxidant levels.

Caloric Distribution:

- Caloric density is high at 1.5 Cal/mL (355 Cal/8 fl oz), to minimize the volume required to meet energy needs.
- The distribution of Calories in Oxepa is shown in Table 7.

Table 7. Caloric Distribution of Oxepa			
	per 8 fl oz.	per liter	% of Cal
Calories	355	1,500	---
Fat (g)	22.2	93.7	55.2
Carbohydrate (g)	25	105.5	28.1
Protein (g)	14.8	62.5	16.7
Water (g)	186	785	---

Fat:

- Oxepa contains 22.2 g of fat per 8-fl oz serving (93.7 g/L).
- The fat source is a oil blend of 31.8% canola oil, 25% medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs), 20% borage oil, 20% fish oil, and 3.2 % soy lecithin. The typical fatty acid profile of Oxepa is shown in Table 8.

- Oxepa provides a balanced amount of polyunsaturated, monounsaturated, and saturated fatty acids, as shown in Table 10.
- Medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs) -- 25% of the fat blend -- aid gastric emptying because they are absorbed by the intestinal tract without emulsification by bile acids.

The various fatty acid components of Oxepa™ nutritional product can be substituted and/or supplemented with the PUFAs of this invention.

Table 8. Typical Fatty Acid Profile			
	% Total Fatty Acids	g/8 fl oz*	g/L*
Caproic (6:0)	0.2	0.04	0.18
Caprylic (8:0)	14.69	3.1	13.07
Capric (10:0)	11.06	2.33	9.87
Palmitic (16:0)	5.59	1.18	4.98
Palmitoleic (16:1n-7)	1.82	0.38	1.62
Stearic (18:0)	1.84	0.39	1.64
Oleic (18:1n-9)	24.44	5.16	21.75
Linoleic (18:2n-6)	16.28	3.44	14.49
α-Linolenic (18:3n-3)	3.47	0.73	3.09
γ-Linolenic (18:3n-6)	4.82	1.02	4.29
Eicosapentaenoic (20:5n-3)	5.11	1.08	4.55
n-3-Docosapentaenoic (22:5n-3)	0.55	0.12	0.49
Docosahexaenoic (22:6n-3)	2.27	0.48	2.02
Others	7.55	1.52	6.72

* Fatty acids equal approximately 95% of total fat.

Table 9. Fat Profile of Oxepa.	
% of total calories from fat	55.2
Polyunsaturated fatty acids	31.44 g/L
Monounsaturated fatty acids	25.53 g/L
Saturated fatty acids	32.38 g/L
n-6 to n-3 ratio	1.75:1
Cholesterol	9.49 mg/8 fl oz 40.1 mg/L

Carbohydrate:

- The carbohydrate content is 25.0 g per 8-fl-oz serving (105.5 g/L).
- The carbohydrate sources are 45% maltodextrin (a complex carbohydrate) and 55% sucrose (a simple sugar), both of which are readily digested and absorbed.
- The high-fat and low-carbohydrate content of Oxepa is designed to minimize carbon dioxide (CO₂) production. High CO₂ levels can complicate weaning in ventilator-dependent patients. The low level of carbohydrate also may be useful for those patients who have developed stress-induced hyperglycemia.
- Oxepa is lactose-free.

Dietary carbohydrate, the amino acids from protein, and the glycerol moiety of fats can be converted to glucose within the body. Throughout this process, the carbohydrate requirements of glucose-dependent tissues (such as the central nervous system and red blood cells) are met. However, a diet free of carbohydrates can lead to ketosis, excessive catabolism of tissue protein, and loss of fluid and electrolytes. These effects can be prevented by daily ingestion of 50 to 100 g of digestible carbohydrate, if caloric intake is adequate. The carbohydrate level in Oxepa is also sufficient to minimize gluconeogenesis, if energy needs are being met.

Protein:

- Oxepa contains 14.8 g of protein per 8-fl-oz serving (62.5 g/L).
- The total calorie/nitrogen ratio (150:1) meets the need of stressed patients.
- Oxepa provides enough protein to promote anabolism and the maintenance of lean body mass without precipitating respiratory problems. High protein intakes are a concern in patients with respiratory insufficiency. Although protein has little effect on CO₂ production, a high protein diet will increase ventilatory drive.

- The protein sources of Oxepa are 86.8% sodium caseinate and 13.2% calcium caseinate.
- As demonstrated in Table 11, the amino acid profile of the protein system in Oxepa meets or surpasses the standard for high quality protein set by theNational Academy of Sciences.
- Oxepa is gluten-free.

All publications and patent applications mentioned in this specification are indicative of the level of skill of those skilled in the art to which this invention pertains. All publications and patent applications are herein incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each individual publication or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference.

The invention now being fully described, it will be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that many changes and modifications can be made thereto without departing from the spirit or scope of the appended claims.

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- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid
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- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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	Arg	Ser	Phe	Gly	Lys	Phe	Leu	Asp	His	Met	Phe	His	Gly	Ile	Val	His
					325					330					335	
35	Thr	His	Val	Ala	His	His	Leu	Phe	Ser	Gln	Met	Pro	Phe	Tyr	His	Ala
				340					345					350		
	Glu	Glu	Ala	Thr	Tyr	His	Leu	Lys	Lys	Leu	Leu	Gly	Glu	Tyr	Tyr	Val
40			355					360					365			
	Tyr	Asp	Pro	Ser	Pro	Ile	Val	Val	Ala	Val	Trp	Arg	Ser	Phe	Arg	Glu
		370					375					380				
45	Cys	Arg	Phe	Val	Glu	Asp	Gln	Gly	Asp	Val	Val	Phe	Phe	Lys	Lys	
	385					390					395					

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

50 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 355 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

55 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

60 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

65 Glu Val Arg Lys Leu Arg Thr Leu Phe Gln Ser Leu Gly Tyr Tyr Asp
 1 5 10 15

Ser Ser Lys Ala Tyr Tyr Ala Phe Lys Val Ser Phe Asn Leu Cys Ile
 20 25 30

Trp Gly Leu Ser Thr Val Ile Val Ala Lys Trp Gly Gln Thr Ser Thr
 35 40 45
 5 Leu Ala Asn Val Leu Ser Ala Ala Leu Leu Gly Leu Phe Trp Gln Gln
 50 55 60
 10 Cys Gly Trp Leu Ala His Asp Phe Leu His His Gln Val Phe Gln Asp
 65 70 75 80
 Arg Phe Trp Gly Asp Leu Phe Gly Ala Phe Leu Gly Gly Val Cys Gln
 85 90 95
 15 Gly Phe Ser Ser Ser Trp Trp Lys Asp Lys His Asn Thr His His Ala
 100 105 110
 Ala Pro Asn Val His Gly Glu Asp Pro Asp Ile Asp Thr His Pro Leu
 115 120 125
 20 Leu Thr Trp Ser Glu His Ala Leu Glu Met Phe Ser Asp Val Pro Asp
 130 135 140
 25 Glu Glu Leu Thr Arg Met Trp Ser Arg Phe Met Val Leu Asn Gln Thr
 145 150 155 160
 Trp Phe Tyr Phe Pro Ile Leu Ser Phe Ala Arg Leu Ser Trp Cys Leu
 165 170 175
 30 Gln Ser Ile Leu Phe Val Leu Pro Asn Gly Gln Ala His Lys Pro Ser
 180 185 190
 Gly Ala Arg Val Pro Ile Ser Leu Val Glu Gln Leu Ser Leu Ala Met
 195 200 205
 35 His Trp Thr Trp Tyr Leu Ala Thr Met Phe Leu Phe Ile Lys Asp Pro
 210 215 220
 40 Val Asn Met Leu Val Tyr Phe Leu Val Ser Gln Ala Val Cys Gly Asn
 225 230 235 240
 Leu Leu Ala Ile Val Phe Ser Leu Asn His Asn Gly Met Pro Val Ile
 245 250 255
 45 Ser Lys Glu Glu Ala Val Asp Met Asp Phe Phe Thr Lys Gln Ile Ile
 260 265 270
 Thr Gly Arg Asp Val His Pro Gly Leu Phe Ala Asn Trp Phe Thr Gly
 275 280 285
 50 Gly Leu Asn Tyr Gln Ile Glu His His Leu Phe Pro Ser Met Pro Arg
 290 295 300
 55 His Asn Phe Ser Lys Ile Gln Pro Ala Val Glu Thr Leu Cys Lys Lys
 305 310 315 320
 Tyr Asn Val Arg Tyr His Thr Thr Gly Met Ile Glu Gly Thr Ala Glu
 325 330 335
 60 Val Phe Ser Arg Leu Asn Glu Val Ser Lys Ala Ala Ser Lys Met Gly
 340 345 350
 Lys Ala Gln
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65 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 104 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

Val Thr Leu Tyr Thr Leu Ala Phe Val Ala Ala Asn Ser Leu Gly Val
 1 5 10 15
 Leu Tyr Gly Val Leu Ala Cys Pro Ser Val Xaa Pro His Gln Ile Ala
 20 25 30
 Ala Gly Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Trp Ile Gln Ser Ala Tyr Ile Gly Xaa
 35 40 45
 Asp Ser Gly His Tyr Val Ile Met Ser Asn Lys Ser Asn Asn Xaa Phe
 50 55 60
 Ala Gln Leu Leu Ser Gly Asn Cys Leu Thr Gly Ile Ile Ala Trp Trp
 65 70 75 80
 Lys Trp Thr His Asn Ala His His Leu Ala Cys Asn Ser Leu Asp Tyr
 85 90 95
 Gly Pro Asn Leu Gln His Ile Pro
 100

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 252 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

Gly Val Leu Tyr Gly Val Leu Ala Cys Thr Ser Val Phe Ala His Gln
 1 5 10 15
 Ile Ala Ala Ala Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Trp Ile Gln Ser Ala Tyr Ile
 20 25 30
 Gly His Asp Ser Gly His Tyr Val Ile Met Ser Asn Lys Ser Tyr Asn
 35 40 45
 Arg Phe Ala Gln Leu Leu Ser Gly Asn Cys Leu Thr Gly Ile Ser Ile
 50 55 60
 Ala Trp Trp Lys Trp Thr His Asn Ala His His Leu Ala Cys Asn Ser
 65 70 75 80
 Leu Asp Tyr Asp Pro Asp Leu Gln His Ile Pro Val Phe Ala Val Ser
 85 90 95

5 Thr Lys Phe Phe Ser Ser Leu Thr Ser Arg Phe Tyr Asp Arg Lys Leu
 100 105 110
 10 Thr Phe Gly Pro Val Ala Arg Phe Leu Val Ser Tyr Gln His Phe Thr
 115 120 125
 15 Tyr Tyr Pro Val Asn Cys Phe Gly Arg Ile Asn Leu Phe Ile Gln Thr
 130 135 140
 20 Phe Leu Leu Leu Phe Ser Lys Arg Glu Val Pro Asp Arg Ala Leu Asn
 145 150 155 160
 25 Phe Ala Gly Ile Leu Val Phe Trp Thr Trp Phe Pro Leu Leu Val Ser
 165 170 175
 30 Cys Leu Pro Asn Trp Pro Glu Arg Phe Phe Phe Val Phe Thr Ser Phe
 180 185 190
 35 Thr Val Thr Ala Leu Gln His Ile Gln Phe Thr Leu Asn His Phe Ala
 195 200 205
 40 Ala Asp Val Tyr Val Gly Pro Pro Thr Gly Ser Asp Trp Phe Glu Lys
 210 215 220
 45 Gln Ala Ala Gly Thr Ile Asp Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser Tyr Met Asp Trp
 225 230 235 240
 50 Phe Phe Gly Gly Leu Gln Phe Gln Leu Glu His His
 245 250

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

35 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 125 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

40 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

45 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

Gly Xaa Xaa Asn Phe Ala Gly Ile Leu Val Phe Trp Thr Trp Phe Pro
 1 5 10 15
 50 Leu Leu Val Ser Cys Leu Pro Asn Trp Pro Glu Arg Phe Xaa Phe Val
 20 25 30
 Phe Thr Gly Phe Thr Val Thr Ala Leu Gln His Ile Gln Phe Thr Leu
 35 40 45
 55 Asn His Phe Ala Ala Asp Val Tyr Val Gly Pro Pro Thr Gly Ser Asp
 50 55 60
 60 Trp Phe Glu Lys Gln Ala Ala Gly Thr Ile Asp Ile Ser Cys Arg Ser
 65 70 75 80
 Tyr Met Asp Trp Phe Phe Cys Gly Leu Gln Phe Gln Leu Glu His His
 85 90 95
 65 Leu Phe Pro Arg Leu Pro Arg Cys His Leu Arg Lys Val Ser Pro Val
 100 105 110

Gly Gln Arg Gly Phe Gln Arg Lys Xaa Asn Leu Ser Xaa
 115 120 125

5 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 131 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

Pro Ala Thr Glu Val Gly Gly Leu Ala Trp Met Ile Thr Phe Tyr Val
 1 5 10 15
 Arg Phe Phe Leu Thr Tyr Val Pro Leu Leu Gly Leu Lys Ala Phe Leu
 20 25 30
 Gly Leu Phe Phe Ile Val Arg Phe Leu Glu Ser Asn Trp Phe Val Trp
 35 40 45
 Val Thr Gln Met Asn His Ile Pro Met His Ile Asp His Asp Arg Asn
 50 55 60
 Met Asp Trp Val Ser Thr Gln Leu Gln Ala Thr Cys Asn Val His Lys
 65 70 75 80
 Ser Ala Phe Asn Asp Trp Phe Ser Gly His Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile Glu
 85 90 95
 His His Leu Phe Pro Thr Met Pro Arg His Asn Tyr His Xaa Val Ala
 100 105 110
 Pro Leu Val Gln Ser Leu Cys Ala Lys His Gly Ile Glu Tyr Gln Ser
 115 120 125
 Lys Pro Leu
 130

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 87 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

Cys Ser Pro Lys Ser Ser Pro Thr Arg Asn Met Thr Pro Ser Pro Phe
 1 5 10 15
 Ile Asp Trp Leu Trp Gly Gly Leu Asn Tyr Gln Ile Glu His His Leu
 20 25 30

Phe Pro Thr Met Pro Arg Cys Asn Leu Asn Arg Cys Met Lys Tyr Val
 35 40 45
 5 Lys Glu Trp Cys Ala Glu Asn Asn Leu Pro Tyr Leu Val Asp Asp Tyr
 50 55 60
 Phe Val Gly Tyr Asn Leu Asn Leu Gln Gln Leu Lys Asn Met Ala Glu
 65 70 75 80
 10 Leu Val Gln Ala Lys Ala Ala
 85

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 143 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 20 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

30 Arg His Glu Ala Ala Arg Gly Gly Thr Arg Leu Ala Tyr Met Leu Val
 1 5 10 15
 Cys Met Gln Trp Thr Asp Leu Leu Trp Ala Ala Ser Phe Tyr Ser Arg
 20 25 30
 35 Phe Phe Leu Ser Tyr Ser Pro Phe Tyr Gly Ala Thr Gly Thr Leu Leu
 35 40 45
 Leu Phe Val Ala Val Arg Val Leu Glu Ser His Trp Phe Val Trp Ile
 50 55 60
 40 Thr Gln Met Asn His Ile Pro Lys Glu Ile Gly His Glu Lys His Arg
 65 70 75 80
 45 Asp Trp Ala Ser Ser Gln Leu Ala Ala Thr Cys Asn Val Glu Pro Ser
 85 90 95
 Leu Phe Ile Asp Trp Phe Ser Gly His Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile Glu His
 100 105 110
 50 His Leu Phe Pro Thr Met Thr Arg His Asn Tyr Arg Xaa Val Ala Pro
 115 120 125
 Leu Val Lys Ala Phe Cys Ala Lys His Gly Leu His Tyr Glu Val
 130 135 140

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

60 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 35 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 65 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

5 CCAAGCTTCT GCAGGAGCTC TTTTTTTTTT TTTT 35

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

CUACUACUAC UAGGAGTCCT CTACGGTGTT TTG 33

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

30 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

40 CAUCAUCAUC AUATGATGCT CAAGCTGAAA CTG 33

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:15:

45 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

50 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

55 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:15:

TACCAACTCG AGAAAATGGC TGCTGCTCCC AGTGTGAGG 39

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:16:

60 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

65 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:16:
 AACTGATCTA GATTACTGCG CCTTACCCAT CTTGGAGGC 39

10 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:
 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:17:
 TACCAACTCG AGAAAATGGC ACCTCCCAAC ACTATCGAT 39

25 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:
 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
 30 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:18:
 40 AACTGATCTA GATTACTTCT TGAAAAAGAC CACGTCTCC 39

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:
 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 45 (A) LENGTH: 746 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 50 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:19:
 55 CGTATGTCAC TCCATTCCAA ACTCGTTCAT GGTATCATAA ATATCAACAC ATTTACGCTC 60
 CACTCCTCTA TGGTATTTAC ACACTCAAAT ATCGTACTCA AGATTGGGAA GCTTTTGTA 120
 AGGATGGTAA AAATGGTGCA ATTCGTGTGA GTGTCGCCAC AAATTTTCGAT AAGGCCGCTT 180
 ACGTCATTGG TAAATTGTCT TTTGTTTTCT TCCGTTTCAT CCTTCCACTC CGTTATCATA 240
 GCTTTACAGA TTTAATTTGT TATTTCTCTA TTGCTGAATT CGTCTTTGGT TGGTATCTCA 300
 CAATTAATTT CCAAGTTAGT CATGTCGCTG AAGATCTCAA ATTCTTTGCT ACCCCTGAAA 360
 60 GACCAGATGA ACCATCTCAA ATCAATGAAG ATTGGGCAAT CCTTCAACTT AAAACTACTC 420
 AAGATTATGG TCATGGTTCA CTCCTTTGTA CCTTTTTTAG TGGTTCTTTA AATCATCAAG 480
 TTGTTTCATCA TTTATTCCCA TCAATTGCTC AAGATTTCTA CCCACAACCT GTACCAATTG 540
 TAAAAGAAGT TTGTAAAGAA CATAACATTA CTTACCACAT TAAACCAAAC TTCACTGAAG 600
 CTATTATGTC ACACATTAAT TACCTTTACA AAATGGGTAA TGATCCAGAT TATGTTAAAA 660
 65 AACCATTAGC CTCAAAAGAT GATTAAATGA AATAACTTAA AAACCAATTA TTTACTTTTG 720

ACAAACAGTA ATATTAATAA ATACAA

746

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 227 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:20:

Tyr Val Thr Pro Phe Gln Thr Arg Ser Trp Tyr His Lys Tyr Gln
 1 5 10 15
 His Ile Tyr Ala Pro Leu Leu Tyr Gly Ile Tyr Thr Leu Lys Tyr
 20 25 30
 Arg Thr Gln Asp Trp Glu Ala Phe Val Lys Asp Gly Lys Asn Gly
 35 40 45
 Ala Ile Arg Val Ser Val Ala Thr Asn Phe Asp Lys Ala Ala Tyr
 50 55 60
 Val Ile Gly Lys Leu Ser Phe Val Phe Phe Arg Phe Ile Leu Pro
 25 65 70 75
 Leu Arg Tyr His Ser Phe Thr Asp Leu Ile Cys Tyr Phe Leu Ile
 80 85 90
 Ala Glu Phe Val Phe Gly Trp Tyr Leu Thr Ile Asn Phe Gln Val
 95 100 105
 Ser His Val Ala Glu Asp Leu Lys Phe Phe Ala Thr Pro Glu Arg
 110 115 120
 Pro Asp Glu Pro Ser Gln Ile Asn Glu Asp Trp Ala Ile Leu Gln
 125 130 135
 Leu Lys Thr Thr Gln Asp Tyr Gly His Gly Ser Leu Leu Cys Thr
 140 145 150
 Phe Phe Ser Gly Ser Leu Asn His Gln Val Val His His Leu Phe
 155 160 165
 Pro Ser Ile Ala Gln Asp Phe Tyr Pro Gln Leu Val Pro Ile Val
 170 175 180
 Lys Glu Val Cys Lys Glu His Asn Ile Thr Tyr His Ile Lys Pro
 185 190 195
 Asn Phe Thr Glu Ala Ile Met Ser His Ile Asn Tyr Leu Tyr Lys
 200 205 210
 Met Gly Asn Asp Pro Asp Tyr Val Lys Lys Pro Leu Ala Ser Lys
 215 220 225
 Asp Asp ***

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO 21:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 494 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION:SEQ ID NO:21:

TTTTGAAGG NTCCAAGTTN ACCACGGANT NGGCAAGTTN ACGGGGCGGA AANCGGTTTT 60
 CCCCCAAGC CTTTGTCTGA CTGGTTCTGT GGTGGCTTCC AGTACCAAGT CGACCACCAC 120
 TTATTCCCA GCCTGCCCCG ACACAATCTG GCCAAGACAC ACGCACTGGT CGAATCGTTC 180
 65 TGCAAGGAGT GGGGTGTCCA GTACCACGAA GCCGACCTCG TGGACGGGAC CATGGAAGTC 240
 TTGCACCATT TGGGCAGCGT GGCCGGCGAA TTCGTCGTGG ATTTTGTACG CGACGGACCC 300

GCCATGTAAT CGTCGTTCTG GACGATGCAA GGGTTCACGC ACATCTACAC ACACTCACTC 360
 ACACAACTAG TGTAATCTGT ATAGAATTCG GTGTCGACCT GGACCTTGTT TGA CTGGTTG 420
 GGGATAGGGT AGGTAGGCGG ACGCGTGGGT CGNCCCCGGG AATTCTGTGA CCGGTACCTG 480
 GCCCCGCTNA AAGT 494

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 87 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:22:

Phe Trp Lys Xxx Pro Ser Xxx Pro Arg Xxx Xxx Gln Val Xxx Gly
 1 5 10 15
 Ala Glu Xxx Gly Phe Pro Pro Lys Pro Phe Val Asp Trp Phe Cys
 20 25 30
 Gly Gly Phe Gln Tyr Gln Val Asp His His Leu Phe Pro Ser Leu
 25 35 40 45
 Pro Arg His Asn Leu Ala Lys Thr His Ala Leu Val Glu Ser Phe
 50 55 60
 Cys Lys Glu Trp Gly Val Gln Tyr His Glu Ala Asp Leu Val Asp
 65 70 75
 Gly Thr Met Glu Val Leu His His Leu Gly Ser Val Ala Gly Glu
 30 65 70 75
 Phe Val Val Asp Phe Val Arg Asp Gly Pro Ala Met
 80 85

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 520 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:23:

GGATGGAGTT CGTCTGGATC GCTGTGCGCT ACGCGACGTG GTTTAAGCGT CATGGGTGCG 60
 CTTGGGTACA CGCCGGGGCA GTCGTTGGGC ATGTA CTGTG GCGCCTTTGG TCTCGGCTGC 120
 ATTTACATTT TTCTGCAGTT CGCCGTAAGT CACACCCATT TGCCCGTGAG CAACCCGGAG 180
 GATCAGTGC ATTGGCTCGA GTACGCGCGG ACCACACTGT GAACATCAGC ACCAAGTCGT 240
 GGTTCGTAC ATGGTGGATG TCGAACCTCA ACTTTCAGAT CGAGCACCAC CTTTTCCCA 300
 CGGCGCCCCA GTTCCGTTTC AAGGAGATCA GCCGCGCGT CGAGGCCCTC TTCAAGCGCC 360
 ACGGTCTCCC TTA CTACGAC ATGCCCTACA CGAGCGCCGT CTCCACCACC TTTGCCAACC 420
 TCTACTCCGT CGGCCATTCC GTCGCGACG CCAAGCGCGA CTAGCCTCTT TTCCTAGACC 480
 TTAATCCCC ACCCCACCC ATGTTCTGTC TTCCTCCGC 520

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 153 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:

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Met	Glu	Phe	Val	Trp	Ile	Ala	Val	Arg	Tyr	Ala	Thr	Trp	Phe	Lys
1				5					10					15
Arg	His	Gly	Cys	Ala	Trp	Val	His	Ala	Gly	Ala	Val	Val	Gly	His
				20					25					30
Val	Leu	Val	Arg	Leu	Trp	Ser	Arg	Leu	His	Leu	His	Phe	Ser	Ala
				35					40					45
Val	Arg	Arg	Lys	Ser	His	Pro	Phe	Ala	Arg	Glu	Gln	Pro	Gly	Gly
				50					55					60
Ser	Ala	Ala	Leu	Ala	Arg	Val	Arg	Ala	Asp	His	Thr	Val	Asn	Ile
				65					70					75
Ser	Thr	Lys	Ser	Trp	Phe	Val	Thr	Trp	Trp	Met	Ser	Asn	Leu	Asn
				80					85					90
Phe	Gln	Ile	Glu	His	Leu	Phe	Pro	Thr	Ala	Pro	Gln	Phe	Arg	
				95					100					105
Phe	Lys	Glu	Ile	Ser	Pro	Arg	Val	Glu	Ala	Leu	Phe	Lys	Arg	His
				110					115					120
Gly	Leu	Pro	Tyr	Tyr	Asp	Met	Pro	Tyr	Thr	Ser	Ala	Val	Ser	Thr
				125					130					135
Thr	Phe	Ala	Asn	Leu	Tyr	Ser	Val	Gly	His	Ser	Val	Gly	Asp	Ala
				140					145					150
Lys	Arg	Asp												

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:25:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 420 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:25:

ACGCGTCCGC	CCACGCGTCC	GCCGCGAGCA	ACTCATCAAG	GAAGGCTACT	TTGACCCCTC	60
GCTCCCGCAC	ATGACGTACC	GCGTGGTCCA	GATTGTTGTT	CTCTTCGTGC	TTTCCTTTTG	120
GCTGATGGGT	CAGTCTTCAC	CCCTCGCGCT	CGCTCTCGGC	ATTGTCGTCA	GCGGCATCTC	180
TCAGGGTCGC	TGCGGCTGGG	TAATGCATGA	GATGGGCCAT	GGGTCGTTCA	CTGGTGTCAT	240
TTGGCTTGAC	GACCGGTTGT	GCGAGTTCTT	TTACGGCGTT	GGTTGTGGCA	TGAGCGGTCA	300
TTACTGGAAA	AACCAGCACA	GCAAACACCA	CGCAGCGCCA	AACCGGCTCG	AGCACGATGT	360
AGATCTCAAC	ACCTTGCCAT	TGGTGGCCTT	CAACGAGCGC	GTCGTGCGCA	AGGTCCGACC	420

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:26:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 125 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:26:

5 Arg Val Arg Pro Arg Val Arg Arg Glu Gln Leu Ile Lys Glu Gly
 1 5 10 15
 Tyr Phe Asp Pro Ser Leu Pro His Met Thr Tyr Arg Val Val Glu
 20 25 30
 10 Ile Val Val Leu Phe Val Leu Ser Phe Trp Leu Met Gly Gln Ser
 35 40 45
 Ser Pro Leu Ala Leu Ala Leu Gly Ile Val Val Ser Gly Ile Ser
 50 55 60
 Gln Gly Arg Cys Gly Trp Val Met His Glu Met Gly His Gly Ser
 65 70 75
 15 Phe Thr Gly Val Ile Trp Leu Asp Asp Arg Leu Cys Glu Phe Phe
 65 70 75
 Tyr Gly Val Gly Cys Gly Met Ser Gly His Tyr Trp Lys Asn Gln
 80 85 90
 20 His Ser Lys His His Ala Ala Pro Asn Arg Leu Glu His Asp Val
 95 100 105
 Asp Leu Asn Thr Leu Pro Leu Val Ala Phe Asn Glu Arg Val Val
 110 115 120
 Arg Lys Val Arg Pro
 125

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

30 (A) LENGTH: 1219 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 2692004)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:27:

40 GCACGCCGAC CGGCGCCGGG AGATCCTGGC AAAGTATCCA GAGATAAAGT CCTTGATGAA 60
 ACCTGATCCC AATTGATAT GGATTATAAT TATGATGGTT CTCACCCAGT TGGGTGCATT 120
 45 TTACATAGTA AAAGACTTGG ACTGGAAATG GGTCAATTTT GGGGCCTATG CGTTTGGCAG 180
 TTGCATTAAC CACTCAATGA CTCTGGCTAT TCATGAGATT GCCACAATG CTGCCTTTGG 240
 CAACTGCAAA GCAATGTGGA ATCGCTGGTT TGGAATGTTT GCTAATCTTC CTATTGGGAT 300
 50 TCCATATTCA ATTCCTTTA AGAGGTATCA CATGGATCAT CATCGGTACC TTGGAGCTGA 360
 TGGCGTCGAT GTAGATATTC CTACCGATTT TGAGGGCTGG TTCTTCTGTA CCGCTTTCAG 420
 55 AAAGTTTATA TGGGTATTTC TTCAGCCTCT CTTTTATGCC TTTCGACCTC TGTTTCATCAA 480
 CCCCAAACCA ATTACGTATC TGGAAGTTAT CAATACCGTG GCACAGGTCA CTTTGGACAT 540
 TTTAATTTAT TACTTTTTGG GAATTAAATC CTTAGTCTAC ATGTTGGCAG CATCTTTACT 600
 60 TGGCCTGGGT TTGCACCCAA TTTCTGGACA TTTTATAGCT GAGCATTACA TGTCTTAA 660
 GGGTCATGAA ACTTACTCAT ATTATGGGCC TCTGAATTTA CTTACCTTCA ATGTGGGTTA 720
 TCATAATGAA CATCATGATT TCCCCAACAT TCCTGGAAAA AGTCTTCCAC TGGTGAGGAA 780
 65 AATAGCAGCT GAATACTATG ACAACCTCCC TCACTACAAT TCCTGGATAA AAGTACTGTA 840

5 TGATTTTGTG ATGGATGATA CAATAAGTCC CTA CTACTCAAGA ATGAAGAGGC ACCAAAAAGG 900
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 TGATAAAATG GAATTTTTC ATTATTAAAC TTGAGACCAG TGATGCTCAG AAGCTCCCCT 1020
 GGCACAATTT CAGAGTAAGA GCTCGGTGAT ACCAAGAAGT GAATCTGGCT TTAAACAGT 1080
 10 CAGCCTGACT CTGTACTGCT CAGTTTCACT CACAGGAAAC TTGTGACTTG TGTATTATCG 1140
 TCATTGAGGA TGTTTCACTC ATGTCTGTCA TTTTATAAGC ATATCATTTA AAAAGCTTCT 1200
 15 AAAAGCTAT TTCGCCAGG 1219

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:28:

20 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 655 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 25 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 2153526)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:28:

30 TTACCTTCTA CGTCCGCTTC TTCCTCACTT ATGTGCCACT ATTGGGGCTG AAAGCTTCCT 60
 GGGCCTTTTC TTCATAGTCA GGTTCCTGGA AAGCAACTGG TTTGTGTGGG TGACACAGAT 120
 35 GAACCATATT CCCATGCACA TTGATCATGA CCGGAACATG GACTGGGTTT CCACCCAGCT 180
 CCAGGCCACA TGCAATGTCC ACAAGTCTGC CTTCAATGAC TGGTTCAGTG GACACCTCAA 240
 CTTCCAGATT GAGCACCATC TTTTCCAC GATGCCTCGA CACAATTACC ACAAAGTGGC 300
 40 TCCCCTGGTG CAGTCCTTGT GTGCCAAGCA TGGCATAGAG TACCAGTCCA AGCCCCTGCT 360
 GTCAGCCTTC GCCGACATCA TCCACTCACT AAAGGAGTCA GGGCAGCTCT GGCTAGATGC 420
 45 CTATCTTCAC CAATAACAAC AGCCACCCTG CCCAGTCTGG AAGAAGAGGA GGAAGACTCT 480
 GGAGCCAAGG CAGAGGGGAG CTTGAGGGAC AATGCCACTA TAGTTTAATA CTCAGAGGGG 540
 50 GTTGGGTTTG GGGACATAAA GCCTCTGACT CAACTCCTC CCTTTTATCT TCTAGCCACA 600
 GTTCTAAGAC CCAAAGTGGG GGGTGGACAC AGAAGTCCCT AGGAGGGAAG GAGCT 655

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:29:

55 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 304 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 60 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 3506132)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:29:

65 GTCTTTTACT TTGGCAATGG CTGGATTCTT ACCCTCATCA CGGCCTTTGT CCTTGCTACC 60

5 TCTCAGGCCC AAGCTGGATG GCTGCAACAT GATTATGGCC ACCTGTCTGT CTACAGAAAA 120
 CCCAAGTGGA ACCACCTTGT CCACAAATTC GTCATTGGCC ACTTAAAGGG TGCCTCTGCC 180
 AACTGGTGGA ATCATCGCCA CTTCCAGCAC CACGCCAAGC CTAACATCTT CCACAAGGAT 240
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 10 AAGA 304

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:30:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 918 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 20 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 3854933)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:30:

25 CAGGGACCTA CCCC GCGCTA CTTACCTGG GACGAGGTGG CCCAGCGCTC AGGGTGCGAG 60
 GAGCGGTGGC TAGTGATCGA CCGTAAGGTG TACAACATCA GCGAGTTCAC CCGCCGGCAT 120
 30 CCAGGGGGCT CCCGGGTCAT CAGCCACTAC GCCGGGCAGG ATGCCACGGA TCCCTTTGTG 180
 GCCTTCCACA TCAACAAGGG CTTGTGAAG AAGTATATGA ACTCTCTCCT GATTGGAGAA 240
 CTGTCTCCAG AGCAGCCCAG CTTTGAGCCC ACCAAGAATA AAGAGCTGAC AGATGAGTTC 300
 35 CGGGAGCTGC GGGCCACAGT GGAGCGGATG GGGCTCATGA AGGCCAACCA TGTCTTCTTC 360
 CTGCTGTACC TGCTGCACAT CTTGCTGCTG GATGGTGCAG CCTGGCTCAC CTTTGGGTC 420
 40 TTTGGGACGT CCTTTTGGC CTTCTCTC TGTGCGGTGC TGCTCAGTGC AGTTCAGGCC 480
 CAGGCTGGCT GGCTGCAGCA TGA CTTTGGG CACCTGTCGG TCTTCAGCAC CTCAAAGTGG 540
 AACCATCTGC TACATCATTT TGTGATTGGC CACCTGAAGG GGGCCCCCGC CAGTTGGTGG 600
 45 AACCACATGC ACTTCCAGCA CCATGCCAAG CCCAACTGCT TCCGCAAAGA CCCAGACATC 660
 AACATGCATC CCTTCTTCTT TGCCTTGGGG AAGATCCTCT CTGTGGAGCT TGGGAAACAG 720
 50 AAGAAAAAAT ATATGCCGTA CAACCACCAG CACARATACT TCTTCCTAAT TGGGCCCCCA 780
 GCCTTGCTGC CTCTCTACTT CCAGTGGTAT ATTTTCTATT TTGTTATCCA GCGAAAGAAG 840
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 55 ACCGCAAATG CTTCTAAA 918

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:31:

60 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 1686 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 65 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 2511785)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:31:

5	GCCACTTAAA GG ⁵ GTGCCTCT GCCAACTGGT GGAATCATCG CCACTTCCAG CACCACGCCA	60
	AGCCTAACAT CTTCCACAAG GATCCCGATG TGAACATGCT GCACGTGTTT GTTCTGGGCG	120
10	AATGGCAGCC CATCGAGTAC GGCAAGAAGA AGCTGAAATA CCTGCCCTAC AATCACCAGC	180
	ACGAATACTT CTTCTGATT GGGCCGCCGC TGCTCATCCC CATGTATTTC CAGTACCAGA	240
	TCATCATGAC CATGATCGTC CATAAGAACT GGGTGGACCT GGCCTGGGCC GTCAGCTACT	300
15	ACATCCGGTT CTTTCATCACC TACATCCCTT TCTACGGCAT CCTGGGAGCC CTCCTTTTCC	360
	TCAACTTCAT CAGGTTCTTG GAGAGCCACT GGT ¹⁵ TTGTGTG GGTACACAG ATGAATCACA	420
20	TCGTCATGGA GATTGACCAG GAGGCCTACC GTGACTGGTT CAGTAGCCAG CTGACAGCCA	480
	CCTGCAACGT GGAGCAGTCC TTCTTCAACG ACTGGTTCAG TGGACACCTT AACTTCCAGA	540
	TTGAGCACC A CCTCTTCCCC ACCATGCCCC GGCACAACTT ACACAAGATC GCCCCGCTGG	600
25	TGAAGTCTCT ATGTGCCAAG CATGGCATTG AATACCAGGA GAAGCCGCTA CTGAGGGCCC	660
	TGCTGGACAT CATCAGGTCC CTGAAGAAGT CTGGGAAGCT GTGGCTGGAC GCCTACCTTC	720
30	ACAAATGAAG CCACAGCCCC CGGGACACCG TGGGGAAGGG GTGCAGGTGG GGTGATGGCC	780
	AGAGGAATGA TGGGCTTTTG TTCTGAGGGG TGTCCGAGAG GCTGGTGTAT GCACTGCTCA	840
	CGGACCCCAT GTTGATCTT TCTCCCTTTC TCCTCTCCTT TTTCTCTTCA CATCTCCCCC	900
35	ATAGCACCCCT GCCCTCATGG GA ³⁵ CTGCCCT CCCTCAGCCG TCAGCCATCA GCCATGGCCC	960
	TCCCAGTGCC TCCTAGCCCC TTCTTCCAAG GAGCAGAGAG GTGGCCACCG GGGGTGGCTC	1020
40	TGTCCTACCT CCACTCTCTG CCCCTAAAGA TGGGAGGAGA CCAGCGGTCC ATGGGTCTGG	1080
	CCTGTGAGTC TCCCCTTGCA GCCTGGTCAC TAGGCATCAC CCCCCTTTG GTTCTTCAGA	1140
	TGCTCTTGGG GTTCATAGGG GCAGGTCCTA GTCGGGCAGG GCCCCTGACC CTCCCGGCCT	1200
45	GGCTTCACTC TCCCTGACGG CTGCCATTGG TCCACCCTTT CATAGAGAGG CTGCTTTGT	1260
	TACAAAGCTC GGGTCTCCCT CCTGCAGCTC GGT ⁴⁵ TAAGTAC CCGAGGCCTC TCTTAAGATG	1320
50	TCCAGGGCCC CAGGCCCGCG GGCACAGCCA GCCCAAACCT TGGGCCCTGG AAGAGTCTC	1380
	CACCCCATCA CTAGAGTGCT CTGACCCTGG GCTTTCACGG GCCCCATTCC ACCGCCTCCC	1440
	CAACTTGAGC CTGTGACCTT GGGACCAAAG GGGGAGTCCC TCGTCTCTTG TGA ⁵⁰ CTCAGCA	1500
55	GAGGCAGTGG CCACGTTCA GAGGGGGCCG GCTGGCCTGG AGGCTCAGCC CACCCTCCAG	1560
	CTTTTCTCA GGGTGTCTTG AGGTCCAAGA TTCTGGAGCA ATCTGACCCT TCTCAAAGG	1620
60	CTCTGTTATC AGCTGGGCAG TGCCAGCCAA TCCCTGGCCA TTTGGCCCCA GGGGACGTGG	1680
	GCCCTG	1686

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:32:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1843 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Contig 2535)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:32:

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GTCTTTTACT TTGGCAATGG CTGGATTCTT ACCCTCATCA CGGCCTTTGT CCTTGCTACC 60

TCTCAGGCCC AAGCTGGATG GCTGCAACAT GATTATGGCC ACCTGTCTGT CTACAGAAAA 120

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CCCAAGTGGA ACCACCTTGT CCACAAATTC GTCATTGGCC ACTTAAAGGG TGCCTCTGCC 180

AACTGGTGGA ATCATCGCCA CTTCCAGCAC CACGCCAAGC CTAACATCTT CCACAAGGAT 240

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CCCGATGTGA ACATGCTGCA CGTGTTTGTT CTGGGCGAAT GGCAGCCCAT CGAGTACGGC 300

AAGAAGAAGC TGAAATACCT GCCCTACAAT CACCAGCACG AATACTTCTT CCTGATTGGG 360

CCGCCGCTGC TCATCCCCAT GTATTTCCAG TACCAGATCA TCATGACCAT GATCGTCCAT 420

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AAGAACTGGG TGGACCTGGC CTGGGCCGTC AGCTACTACA TCCGGTTCTT CATCACCTAC 480

ATCCCTTTCT ACGGCATCCT GGGAGCCCTC CTTTTCCTCA ACTTCATCAG GTTCCTGGAG 540

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AGCCACTGGT TTGTGTGGGT CACACAGATG AATCACATCG TCATGGAGAT TGACCAGGAG 600

GCCTACCGTG ACTGGTTCAG TAGCCAGCTG ACAGCCACCT GCAACGTGGA GCAGTCCTTC 660

TTCAACGACT GGTTCAGTGG ACACCTTAAC TTCCAGATTG AGCACCACCT CTTCCCCACC 720

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ATGCCCCGGC ACAACTTACA CAAGATCGCC CCGTGGTGA AGTCTCTATG TGCCAAGCAT 780

GGCATTGAAT ACCAGGAGAA GCCGCTACTG AGGGCCCTGC TGGACATCAT CAGGTCCCTG 840

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GACACCGTGG GGAAGGGGTG CAGGTGGGGT GATGGCCAGA GGAATGATGG GCTTTTGTTT 960

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ACCCTGGGCT TTCACGGGCC CCATTCCACC GCCTCCCCAA CTTGAGCCTG TGACCTTGGG 1620

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ACCAAAGGGG GAGTCCCTCG TCTCTGTGA CTCAGCAGAG GCAGTGGCCA CGTTCAGGGA 1680

GGGGCCGGCT GGCCTGGAGG CTCAGCCCAC CCTCCAGCTT TTCCTCAGGG TGCCTGAGG 1740
 TCCAAGATTC TGGAGCAATC TGACCTTCT CCAAAGGCTC TGTATCAGC TGGGCAGTGC 1800
 5 CAGCCAATCC CTGGCCATTT GGCCCCAGGG GACGTGGGCC CTG 1843

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:33:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 2257 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 253538a)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:33:

20 CAGGGACCTA CCCC GCGCTA CTTACCTGG GACGAGGTGG CCCAGCGCTC AGGGTGCAG 60
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 25 CCAGGGGGCT CCCGGGTCAT CAGCCACTAC GCCGGGCAGG ATGCCACGGA TCCCTTTGTG 180
 GCCTTCCACA TCAACAAGGG CTTGTGAAG AAGTATATGA ACTCTCTCCT GATTGGAGAA 240
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 30 CGGGAGCTGC GGGCCACAGT GGAGCGGATG GGGCTCATGA AGGCCAACCA TGTCTTCTTC 360
 CTGCTGTACC TGCTGCACAT CTTGCTGCTG GATGGTGCAG CCTGGCTCAC CCTTTGGGTC 420
 35 TTTGGGACGT CCTTTTGGCC CTTCTCTCTC TGTGCGGTGC TGCTCAGTGC AGTTCAGCAG 480
 GCCCAAGCTG GATGGCTGCA ACATGATTAT GGCCACCTGT CTGTCTACAG AAAACCCAAG 540
 TGGAACCACC TTGTCCACAA ATTCGTCATT GGCCACTTAA AGGGTGCCCTC TGCCAACTGG 600
 40 TGGAATCATC GCCACTTCCA GCACCACGCC AAGCCTAACA TCTTCCACAA GGATCCCGAT 660
 GTGAACATGC TGCACGTGTT TGTCTGGGC GAATGGCAGC CCATCGAGTA CGGCAAGAAG 720
 45 AAGCTGAAAT ACCTGCCCTA CAATCACCAG CACGAATACT TCTTCTGAT TGGGCCGCCG 780
 CTGCTCATCC CCATGTATTT CCAGTACCAG ATCATCATGA CCATGATCGT CCATAAGAAC 840
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 50 TTCTACGGCA TCCTGGGAGC CCTCCTTTTC CTCAACTTCA TCAGGTTTCCT GGAGAGCCAC 960
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 55 CGTGA CTGGT TCAGTAGCCA GCTGACAGCC ACCTGCAACG TGGAGCAGTC CTTCTTCAAC 1080
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 GTGGGAAGG GGTGCAGGTG GGGTGATGGC CAGAGGAATG ATGGGCTTTT GTTCTGAGGG 1380
 65 GTGTCCGAGA GGCTGGTGTA TGCACTGCTC ACGGACCCCA TGTTGGATCT TTCTCCCTTT 1440

CTCCTCTCCT TTTTCTCTTC ACATCTCCCC CATAGCACCC TGCCCTCATG GGACCTGCCC 1500
 5 TCCCTCAGCC GTCAGCCATC AGCCATGGCC CTCCCAGTGC CTCCTAGCCC CTTCTTCCAA 1560
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 15 GTCCACCCTT TCATAGAGAG GCCTGCTTTG TTACAAAGCT CGGGTCTCCC TCCTGCAGCT 1860
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 20 GGCTTTTACG GGCCCATTC CACCGCCTCC CCAACTTGAG CCTGTGACCT TGGGACCAAA 2040
 GGGGGAGTCC CTCGTCTCTT GTGACTCAGC AGAGGCAGTG GCCACGTTCA GGGAGGGGCC 2100
 25 GGCTGGCCTG GAGGCTCAGC CCACCTCCA GCTTTTCCTC AGGGTGTCTT GAGGTCCAAG 2160
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 ATCCCTGGCC ATTTGGCCCC AGGGGACGTG GGCCCTG 2257

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:34:

35 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 411 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

40 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2692004)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:34:

45 His Ala Asp Arg Arg Arg Glu Ile Leu Ala Lys Tyr Pro Glu Ile
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 Lys Ser Leu Met Lys Pro Asp Pro Asn Leu Ile Trp Ile Ile Ile
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 Met Met Val Leu Thr Gln Leu Gly Ala Phe Tyr Ile Val Lys Asp
 35 40 45
 50 Leu Asp Trp Lys Trp Val Ile Phe Gly Ala Tyr Ala Phe Gly Ser
 50 55 60
 Cys Ile Asn His Ser Met Thr Leu Ala Ile His Glu Ile Ala His
 65 70 75
 55 Asn Ala Ala Phe Gly Asn Cys Lys Ala Met Trp Asn Arg Trp Phe
 80 85 90
 Gly Met Phe Ala Asn Leu Pro Ile Gly Ile Pro Tyr Ser Ile Ser
 95 100 105
 Phe Lys Arg Tyr His Met Asp His His Arg Tyr Leu Gly Ala Asp
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 60 Gly Val Asp Val Asp Ile Pro Thr Asp Phe Glu Gly Trp Phe Phe
 125 130 135
 Cys Thr Ala Phe Arg Lys Phe Ile Trp Val Ile Leu Gln Pro Leu
 140 145 150
 65 Phe Tyr Ala Phe Arg Pro Leu Phe Ile Asn Pro Lys Pro Ile Thr
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 Tyr Leu Glu Val Ile Asn Thr Val Ala Gln Val Thr Phe Asp Ile

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5	Ala Ala Ser Leu	Leu Gly Leu Gly Leu	His Pro Ile Ser Gly	His		
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	Phe Ile Ala Glu	His Tyr Met Phe Leu	Lys Gly His Glu Thr	Tyr		
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	Ser Tyr Tyr Gly	Pro Leu Asn Leu Leu	Thr Phe Asn Val Gly	Tyr		
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10	His Asn Glu His	His Asp Phe Pro Asn	Ile Pro Gly Lys Ser	Leu		
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15	Asp Thr Ile Ser	Pro Tyr Ser Arg Met	Lys Arg His Gln Lys	Gly		
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20	Ser Lys Thr Leu	Asp Asp Lys Met Glu	Phe Leu His Tyr ***	Thr		
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	Arg					

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:35:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 218 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2153526)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:35:

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	Tyr Leu Leu Arg Pro Leu Leu Pro His	Leu Cys Ala Thr Ile Gly
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65	Leu Trp Leu Asp Ala Tyr Leu His Gln	*** Gln Gln Pro Pro Cys
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 10 Glu Val Pro Arg Arg Glu Gly Ala
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:36:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 86 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 3506132)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:36:

Val Phe Tyr Phe Gly Asn Gly Trp Ile Pro Thr Leu Ile Thr Ala
 1 5 10 15
 30 Phe Val Leu Ala Thr Ser Gln Ala Gln Ala Gly Trp Leu Gln His
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 Asp Tyr Gly His Leu Ser Val Tyr Arg Lys Pro Lys Trp Asn His
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 40 Leu Gly Glu Trp Gln Pro Ile Glu Tyr Gly Lys Xxx
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:37:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 306 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 3854933)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:37:

Gln Gly Pro Thr Pro Arg Tyr Phe Thr Trp Asp Glu Val Ala Gln
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 Arg Ser Gly Cys Glu Glu Arg Trp Leu Val Ile Asp Arg Lys Val
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 60 Tyr Asn Ile Ser Glu Phe Thr Arg Arg His Pro Gly Gly Ser Arg
 35 40 45
 Val Ile Ser His Tyr Ala Gly Gln Asp Ala Thr Asp Pro Phe Val
 50 55 60
 65 Ala Phe His Ile Asn Lys Gly Leu Val Lys Lys Tyr Met Asn Ser
 65 70 75
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:38:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 566 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2511785)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:38:

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				20						25					30
	Asn	Met	Leu	His	Val	Phe	Val	Leu	Gly	Glu	Trp	Gln	Pro	Ile	Glu
				35						40					45
	Tyr	Gly	Lys	Lys	Lys	Leu	Lys	Tyr	Leu	Pro	Tyr	Asn	His	Gln	His
				50						55					60
55	Glu	Tyr	Phe	Phe	Leu	Ile	Gly	Pro	Pro	Leu	Leu	Ile	Pro	Met	Tyr
				65						70					75
	Phe	Gln	Tyr	Gln	Ile	Ile	Met	Thr	Met	Ile	Val	His	Lys	Asn	Trp
				80						85					90
60	Val	Asp	Leu	Ala	Trp	Ala	Val	Ser	Tyr	Tyr	Ile	Arg	Phe	Phe	Ile
				95						100					105
	Thr	Tyr	Ile	Pro	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Ile	Leu	Gly	Ala	Leu	Leu	Phe	Leu
				110						115					120
	Asn	Phe	Ile	Arg	Phe	Leu	Glu	Ser	His	Trp	Phe	Val	Trp	Val	Thr
				125						130					135
65	Gln	Met	Asn	His	Ile	Val	Met	Glu	Ile	Asp	Gln	Glu	Ala	Tyr	Arg
				140						145					150

	Asp Trp Phe Ser	Ser Gln Leu Thr Ala Thr	Cys Asn Val Glu Gln	
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	Ser Phe Phe Asn	Asp Trp Phe Ser Gly His	Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile	
		170	175	180
5	Glu His His Leu	Phe Pro Thr Met Pro Arg	His Asn Leu His Lys	
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	Ile Ala Pro Leu	Val Lys Ser Leu Cys Ala	Lys His Gly Ile Glu	
		200	205	210
10	Tyr Gln Glu Lys	Pro Leu Leu Arg Ala Leu	Leu Asp Ile Ile Arg	
		215	220	225
	Ser Leu Lys Lys	Ser Gly Lys Leu Trp Leu	Asp Ala Tyr Leu His	
		230	235	240
	Lys *** Ser His	Ser Pro Arg Asp Thr Val	Gly Lys Gly Cys Arg	
		245	250	255
15	Trp Gly Asp Gly	Gln Arg Asn Asp Gly Leu	Leu Phe *** Gly Val	
		260	265	270
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		335	340	345
	Leu Pro Leu Lys	Met Gly Gly Asp Gln Arg	Ser Met Gly Leu Ala	
		350	355	360
30	Cys Glu Ser Pro	Leu Ala Ala Trp Ser Leu	Gly Ile Thr Pro Ala	
		365	370	375
	Leu Val Leu Gln	Met Leu Leu Gly Phe Ile	Gly Ala Gly Pro Ser	
		380	385	390
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35	Arg Leu Pro Leu	Val His Pro Phe Ile Glu	Arg Pro Ala Leu Leu	
		415	420	425
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		430	435	440
40	Leu Ser *** Asp	Val Gln Gly Pro Arg Pro	Ala Gly Thr Ala Ser	
		445	450	455
	Pro Asn Leu Gly	Pro Trp Lys Ser Pro Pro	Pro His His *** Ser	
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	Ala Leu Thr Leu	Gly Phe His Gly Pro His	Ser Thr Ala Ser Pro	
		475	480	485
45	Thr *** Ala Cys	Asp Leu Gly Thr Lys Gly	Gly Val Pro Arg Leu	
		490	495	500
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:39:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 619 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2535)

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35 40 45
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50 55 60
15 Asn Trp Trp Asn His Arg His Phe Gln His His Ala Lys Pro Asn
65 70 75
Ile Phe His Lys Asp Pro Asp Val Asn Met Leu His Val Phe Val
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95 100 105
Tyr Leu Pro Tyr Asn His Gln His Glu Tyr Phe Phe Leu Ile Gly
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Pro Pro Leu Leu Ile Pro Met Tyr Phe Gln Tyr Gln Ile Ile Met
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215 220 225
Ser Gly His Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile Glu His His Leu Phe Pro Thr
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245 250 255
Leu Cys Ala Lys His Gly Ile Glu Tyr Gln Glu Lys Pro Leu Leu
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305 310 315
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335 340 345
Phe Phe Ser Ser His Leu Pro His Ser Thr Leu Pro Ser Trp Asp
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55 Leu Pro Ser Leu Ser Arg Gln Pro Ser Ala Met Ala Leu Pro Val
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60 Val Ala Leu Ser Tyr Leu His Ser Leu Pro Leu Lys Met Gly Gly
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65 Gly Phe Ile Gly Ala Gly Pro Ser Arg Ala Gly Pro Leu Thr Leu
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 535 540 545
 Thr Lys Gly Gly Val Pro Arg Leu Leu *** Leu Ser Arg Gly Ser
 550 555 560
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 Pro Pro Ala Phe Pro Gln Gly Val Leu Arg Ser Lys Ile Leu Glu
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:40:

30 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 757 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 253538a)

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 35 40 45
 45 Val Ile Ser His Tyr Ala Gly Gln Asp Ala Thr Asp Pro Phe Val
 50 55 60
 Ala Phe His Ile Asn Lys Gly Leu Val Lys Lys Tyr Met Asn Ser
 65 70 75
 50 Leu Leu Ile Gly Glu Leu Ser Pro Glu Gln Pro Ser Phe Glu Pro
 80 85 90
 Thr Lys Asn Lys Glu Leu Thr Asp Glu Phe Arg Glu Leu Arg Ala
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 60 Cys Ala Val Leu Leu Ser Ala Val Gln Gln Ala Gln Ala Gly Trp
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 Trp Asn His Leu Val His Lys Phe Val Ile Gly His Leu Lys Gly
 185 190 195
 65 Ala Ser Ala Asn Trp Trp Asn His Arg His Phe Gln His His Ala
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					230					235					240	
5	Lys	Leu	Lys	Tyr	Leu	Pro	Tyr	Asn	His	Gln	His	Glu	Tyr	Phe	Phe	
					245					250					255	
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15	Phe	Leu	Glu	Ser	His	Trp	Phe	Val	Trp	Val	Thr	Gln	Met	Asn	His	
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20	Ser	Gln	Leu	Thr	Ala	Thr	Cys	Asn	Val	Glu	Gln	Ser	Phe	Phe	Asn	
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60	Pro	Trp	Lys	Ser	Pro	Pro	Pro	His	His	***	Ser	Ala	Leu	Thr	Leu	
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65	Arg	Gly	Ser	Gly	His	Val	Gln	Gly	Gly	Ala	Gly	Trp	Pro	Gly	Gly	
					700					705					710	

5 Ser Ala His Pro Pro Ala Phe Pro Gln Gly Val Leu Arg Ser Lys
715 720 725
Ile Leu Glu Gln Ser Asp Pro Ser Pro Lys Ala Leu Leu Ser Ala
730 735 740
Gly Gln Cys Gln Pro Ile Pro Gly His Leu Ala Pro Gly Asp Val
745 750 755
Gly Pro Xxx

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated nucleic acid comprising:
a nucleotide sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.
2. A polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence according to claim 1.
3. A purified or isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.
4. An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.
5. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said nucleotide sequence has an average A/T content of less than about 60%.
6. The isolated nucleic acid according to Claim 5, wherein said nucleic acid is derived from a fungus.
7. The isolated nucleic acid according to Claim 6, wherein said fungus is of the genus *Mortierella*.
8. The isolated nucleic acid according to Claim 7, wherein said fungus is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

9. An isolated nucleic acid, wherein the nucleotide sequence of said nucleic acid is depicted in SEQ ID NO: 1. or SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 5 10. An isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide is a eukaryotic polypeptide or is derived from a eukaryotic polypeptide.
- 10 11. The isolated or purified eukaryotic polypeptide according to Claim 10, wherein said eukaryotic polypeptide is derived from a fungus.
12. A nucleic acid comprising:
a fungal nucleotide sequence which is substantially identical to a sequence of at least 50 nucleotides in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 or is complementary to a sequence of at least 50 nucleotides in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 15 13. An isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 20 14. An isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to sequence encoding an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.
- 25 15. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 is selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues 50-53, 39-43, 172-176, 204-213, and 390-402.
16. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

a nucleotide sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 linked to a heterologous nucleic acid.

17. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

5 a nucleotide sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a microbial cell.

18. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 17, wherein said microbial
10 cell is a yeast cell.

19. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 17, wherein said nucleotide sequence is derived from a fungus.

20. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 19, wherein said fungus is of
15 the genus *Mortierella*.

21. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 20, wherein said fungus is of
the species *Mortierella alpina*.

22. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

20 a fungal nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleic acid is
25 operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a microbial cell, wherein said nucleotide sequence encodes a functionally active polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

23. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

5 a nucleotide sequence having an A/T content of less than about 60% which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 6$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a yeast cell.

24. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

10 a fungal nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 12$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a yeast cell.

25. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

a nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23 or Claim 24.

26. The recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 25, wherein said yeast cell is a *Saccharomyces* cell.

27. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

25 at least one copy of a vector comprising a fungal nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide which converts 18:2 fatty acids to 18:3 fatty acids or 18:3 fatty acids to 18:4 fatty acids, wherein said yeast cell or an ancestor of said yeast cell was transformed with said vector to produce said recombinant yeast cell, and wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant yeast cell.

28. The recombinant yeast cell according to claim 27, wherein said fungal nucleotide sequence is a *Mortierella* nucleotide sequence.

5 29. The recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 28, wherein said recombinant yeast cell is a *Saccharomyces* cell.

30. The microbial cell according to Claim 27, wherein said expression control sequence is provided in said expression vector.

10 31. A method for production of GLA in a yeast culture, said method comprising:

growing a yeast culture having a plurality of recombinant yeast cells, wherein said yeast cells or an ancestor of said yeast cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts LA to GLA, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said yeast cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby GLA is produced from LA in said yeast culture.

20 32. The method according to Claim 31, wherein said fungal DNA is *Mortierella* DNA and said polypeptide is a $\Delta 6$ desaturase.

33. The method according to Claim 32, wherein *Mortierella* is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

25 34. The method according to Claim 31, wherein said LA is exogenously supplied.

35. The method according to Claim 31, wherein said conditions are inducible.

36. A method for production of stearidonic acid in a yeast culture, said method comprising:

growing a yeast culture having a plurality of recombinant yeast cells, wherein said yeast cells or an ancestor of said yeast cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts α -linolenic acid to stearidonic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said yeast cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby stearidonic acid is produced from α -linolenic acid in said yeast culture.

37. The method according to Claim 36, wherein said fungal DNA is *Mortierella* DNA and said polypeptide is a $\Delta 6$ desaturase.

38. The method according to Claim 37, wherein *Mortierella* is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

39. The method according to Claim 36, wherein said α -linolenic acid is exogenously supplied.

40. The method according to Claim 36, wherein said conditions are inducible.

41. A method for production of linoleic acid in a yeast culture, said method comprising:

growing a yeast culture having a plurality of recombinant yeast cells,
wherein said yeast cells or an ancestor of said yeast cells were transformed with a
vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts oleic acid to
linoleic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control
5 sequence functional in said yeast cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is
expressed, whereby linoleic acid is produced from oleic acid in said yeast culture.

42. The method according to Claim 41, wherein said fungal DNA is
10 *Mortierella* DNA and said polypeptide is a $\Delta 12$ desaturase.

43. The method according to Claim 42, wherein *Mortierella* is of the
species *Mortierella alpina*.

44. The method according to Claim 41, wherein said conditions are
15 inducible.

45. An isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid
molecule at carbon 12 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said
polypeptide is a fungal polypeptide or is derived from a fungal polypeptide.
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46. The isolated or purified polypeptide according to Claim 46, wherein
said polypeptide is a *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ desaturase.

47. An isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid
25 molecule at carbon 6 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said
polypeptide is a fungal polypeptide or is derived from a fungal polypeptide.

48. The isolated or purified polypeptide according to Claim 48, wherein said polypeptide is a $\Delta 6$ desaturase.

5 49. An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide according to Claim 47 or Claim 49.

10 50. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23, wherein said portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ.ID. NO: 2 comprises amino acids 1 through 457.

51. A host cell comprising:
a nucleic acid construct according to any one of Claims 22 to 24.

15 52. A host cell comprising:
a vector which includes a nucleic acid which encodes a fatty acid desaturase derived from *Mortierella alpina*, wherein said desaturase has an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:2, and wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked to a promoter.

20 53. The host cell according to Claim 52, wherein said host cell is a eukaryotic cell.

25 54. The host cell according to Claim 53, wherein said eukaryotic cell is selected from the group consisting of a mammalian cell, a plant cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell, an avian cell and an algal cell.

55. The host cell according to Claim 54, wherein said host cell is a fungal cell.

56. The host cell of Claim 21, wherein said promoter is exogenously supplied to said host cell.

5 57. A method for production of stearidonic acid in a eukaryotic cell culture, said method comprising:

growing a eukaryotic cell culture having a plurality of recombinant eukaryotic cells, wherein said recombinant eukaryotic cells or ancestors of said recombinant eukaryotic cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal
10 DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts α -linolenic acid to stearidonic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant eukaryotic cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby stearidonic acid is produced from α -linolenic acid in said eukaryotic cell culture.

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58. A method for production of linoleic acid in a eukaryotic cell culture, said method comprising:

growing a eukaryotic cell culture having a plurality of recombinant eukaryotic cells, wherein said recombinant eukaryotic cells or ancestors of said
20 recombinant eukaryotic cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts oleic acid to linoleic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant eukaryotic cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby linoleic acid is produced from oleic acid in said eukaryotic cell culture.

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59. The method according to Claim 57 or Claim 58, wherein said eukaryotic cells are selected from the group consisting of mammalian cells, plant cells, insect cells, fungal cells, avian cells and algal cells.

60. The method according to Claim 59, wherein said fungal cells are yeast cells of the genus *Saccharomyces*.

61. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

- 5 (1) at least one nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23 or 24; or
 (2) at least one nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23 and at least one nucleic acid construct according to Claim 24.

62. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

- 10 at least one nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 6$ desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2, and at least one nucleic acid construct comprising a
15 nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 12$ desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleic acid constructs are operably associated with transcription control sequences functional in a yeast cell.

20 63. A method of making GLA, said method comprising:

growing a recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 62 under conditions whereby said nucleotide sequences are expressed, whereby GLA is produced in said yeast cell.

25 64. A method of making GLA, said method comprising:

growing a recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 61 under conditions whereby the nucleotide sequences in said nucleic acid constructs are expressed, whereby GLA is produced in said yeast cell.

65. A method for obtaining altered long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis comprising the steps of:

growing a plant having cells which contain one or more transgenes, derived from a fungus or algae, which encodes a transgene expression product which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at a carbon selected from the group consisting of carbon 6 and carbon 12 from the carboxyl end of said fatty acid molecule, wherein said one or more transgenes is operably associated with an expression control sequence, under conditions whereby said one or more transgenes is expressed, whereby long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis in said cells is altered.

66. The method according to claim 65, wherein said long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of 18:1 ω 9, LA, GLA, SDA and ALA.

67. A microbial oil or fraction thereof produced according to the method of claim 65.

68. A method of treating or preventing malnutrition comprising administering said microbial oil of claim 67 to a patient in need of said treatment or prevention in an amount sufficient to effect said treatment or prevention.

69. A pharmaceutical composition comprising said microbial oil or fraction of claim 67 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

70. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 69, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in the form of a solid or a liquid.

71. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 70, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in a capsule or tablet form.

72. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 69 further comprising at least one nutrient selected from the group consisting of a vitamin, a mineral, a carbohydrate, a sugar, an amino acid, a free fatty acid, a phospholipid, an antioxidant, and a phenolic compound.

73. A nutritional formula comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

74. The nutritional formula of claim 73, wherein said nutritional formula is selected from the group consisting of an infant formula, a dietary supplement, and a dietary substitute.

75. The nutritional formula of claim 74, wherein said infant formula, dietary supplement or dietary supplement is in the form of a liquid or a solid.

76. An infant formula comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

77. The infant formula of claim 76 further comprising at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electrodialysed whey, electrodialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein hydrolysates.

78. The infant formula of claim 77 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper, chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

79. A dietary supplement comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

5 80. The dietary supplement of claim 79 further comprising at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electro dialysed whey, electro dialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein hydrolysates.

10 81. The dietary supplement of claim 80 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper, chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

15 82. The dietary supplement of claim 79 or claim 81, wherein said dietary supplement is administered to a human or an animal.

20 83. A dietary substitute comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

25 84. The dietary substitute of claim 83 further comprising at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electro dialysed whey, electro dialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein hydrolysates.

85. The dietary substitute of claim 84 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium,

zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper, chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

5 86. The dietary substitute of claim 83 or claim 85, wherein said dietary substitute is administered to a human or animal.

10 87. A method of treating a patient having a condition caused by insufficient intake or production of polyunsaturated fatty acids comprising administering to said patient said dietary substitute of claim 83 or said dietary supplement of claim 79 in an amount sufficient to effect said treatment.

 88. The method of claim 87, wherein said dietary substitute or said dietary supplement is administered enterally or parenterally.

15 89. A cosmetic comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

 90. The cosmetic of claim 88, wherein said cosmetic is applied topically.

20 91. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 69, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is administered to a human or an animal.

 92. An animal feed comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

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 93. The method of claim 20 wherein said fungus is *Mortierella species*.

94. The method of claim 93 wherein said fungus is *Mortierella alpina*.

95. An isolated peptide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:34 - SEQ ID NO:40.

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96. An isolated peptide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:25 and SEQ ID NO:26.

97. A method for production of gamma-linolenic acid in a eukaryotic cell culture, said method comprising:

10 growing a eukaryotic cell culture having a plurality of recombinant eukaryotic cells, wherein said recombinant eukaryotic cells or ancestors of said recombinant eukaryotic cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts linoleic acid to gamma-linolenic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence
15 functional in said recombinant eukaryotic cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby gamma-linolenic acid is produced from linoleic acid in said eukaryotic cell culture.

20 98. The method according to Claim 97 wherein said eukaryotic cells are selected from the group consisting of mammalian cells, plant cells, insect cells, fungal cells, avian cells and algal cells.

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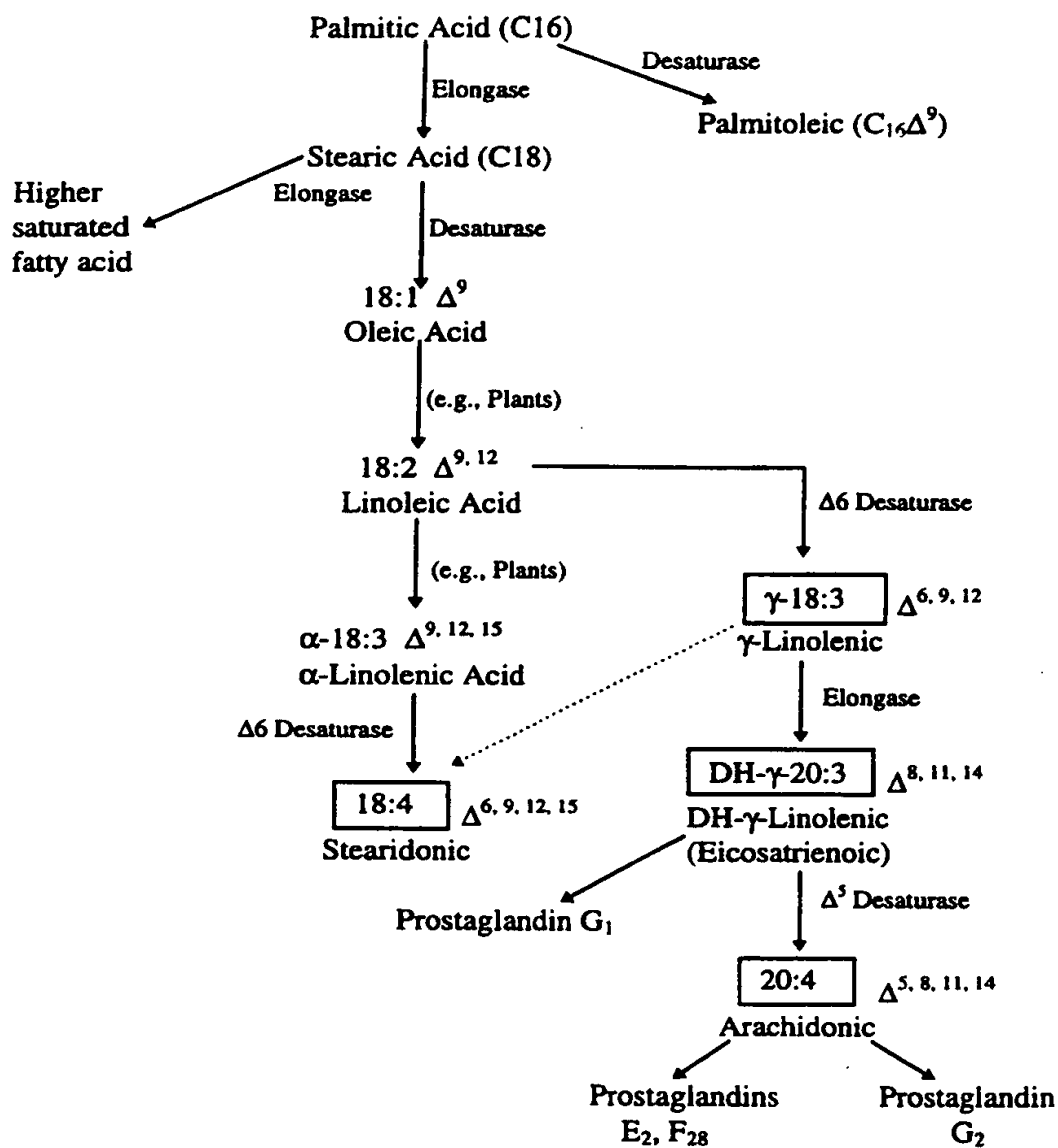


FIG. 1

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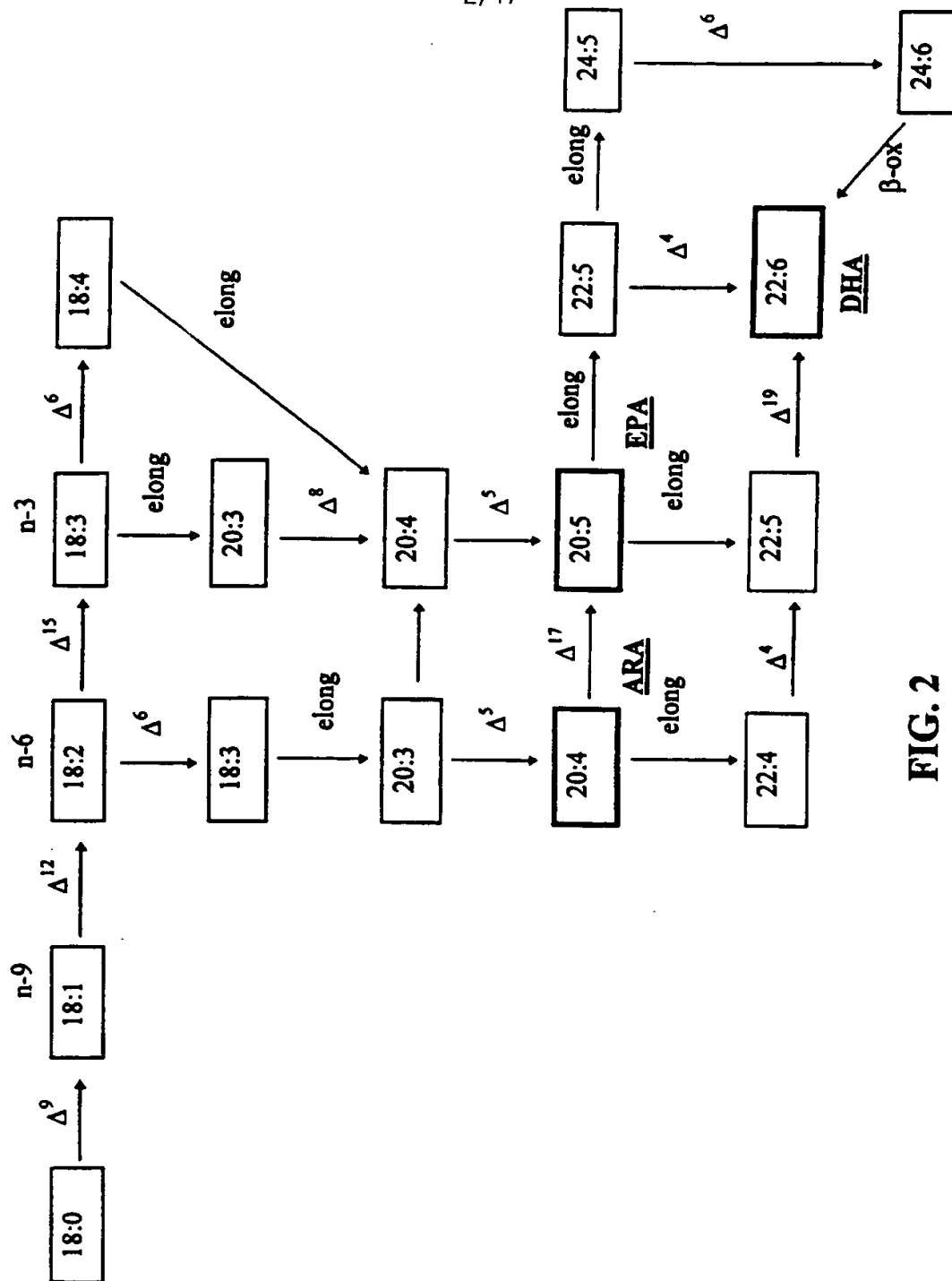


FIG. 2

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FIG. 3A

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FIG. 3B

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FIG. 3C

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960 *

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Asn Gly Gln Ala His Lys Pro Ser Gly Ala Arg Val Pro Ile Ser Leu

1020 *

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Val Glu Gln Leu Ser Leu Ala Met His Trp Thr Trp Tyr Leu Ala Thr

ATG TTC CTG TTC ATC AAG GAT CCC GTC AAC ATG CTG GTG TAC TTT TTG
Met Phe Leu Phe Ile Lys Asp Pro Val Asn Met Leu Val Tyr Phe Leu

1080 *

GTG TCG CAG GCG GTG TGC GGA AAC TTG TTG GCG ATC GTG TTC TCG CTC
Val Ser Gln Ala Val Cys Gly Asn Leu Leu Ala Ile Val Phe Ser Leu

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FIG. 3D

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1200 *
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 Leu Phe Ala Asn Trp Phe Thr Gly Gly Leu Asn Tyr Gln Ile Glu His 12

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 His Leu Phe Pro Ser Met Pro Arg His Asn Phe Ser Lys Ile Gln Pro 434

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 Ala Val Glu Thr Leu Cys Lys Lys Tyr Asn Val Arg Tyr His Thr Thr 30

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 Ser Lys Ala Ala Ser Lys Met Gly Lys Ala Gln

FIG. 3E

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FIG. 4

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FIG. 5A

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FIG. 5B

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FIG. 5C

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FIG. 5D

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1320 *
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1380 *
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Effect of Different Constructs on GLA Production

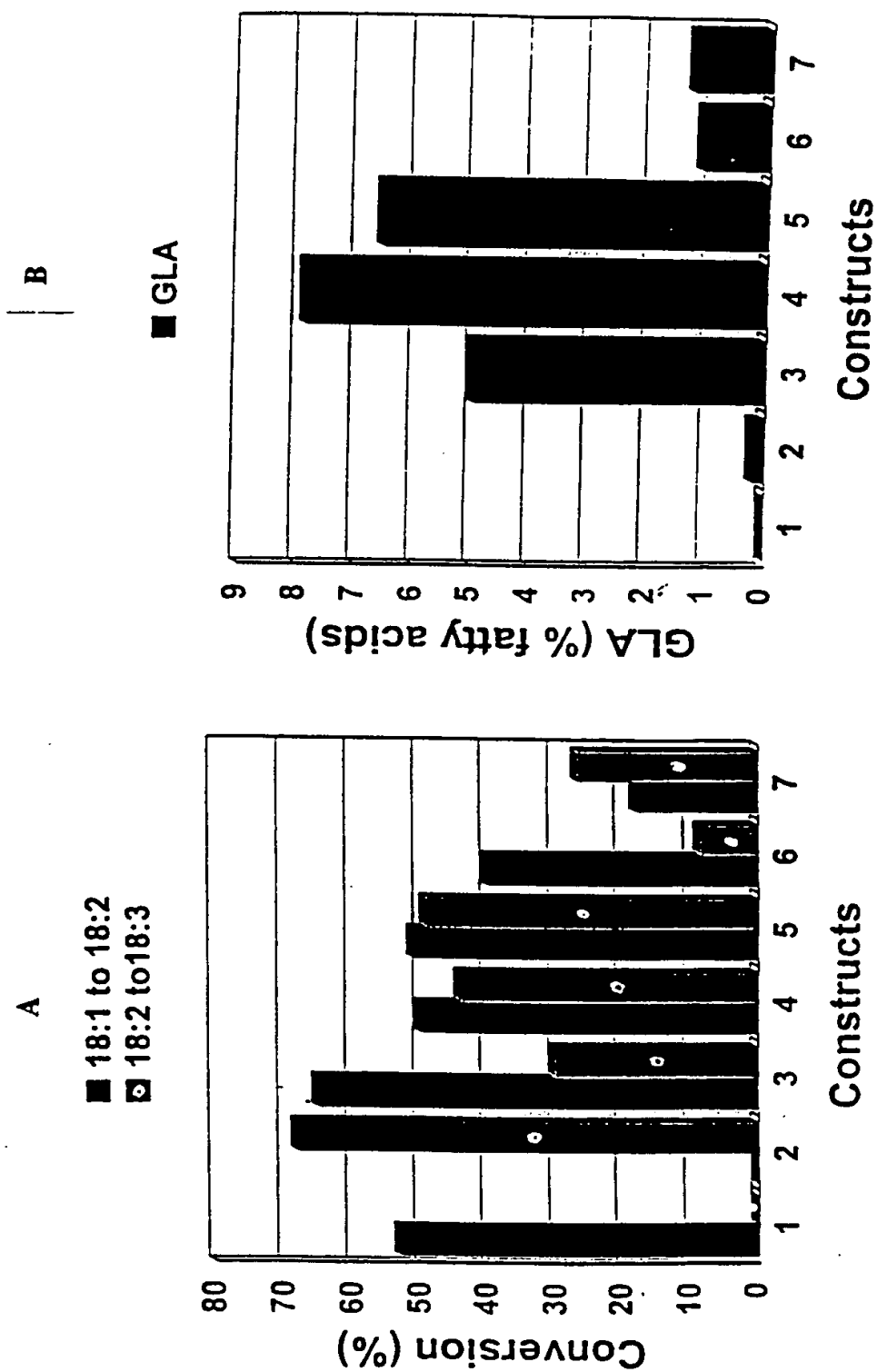


FIG. 6

Effect of Host Strain on GLA Production

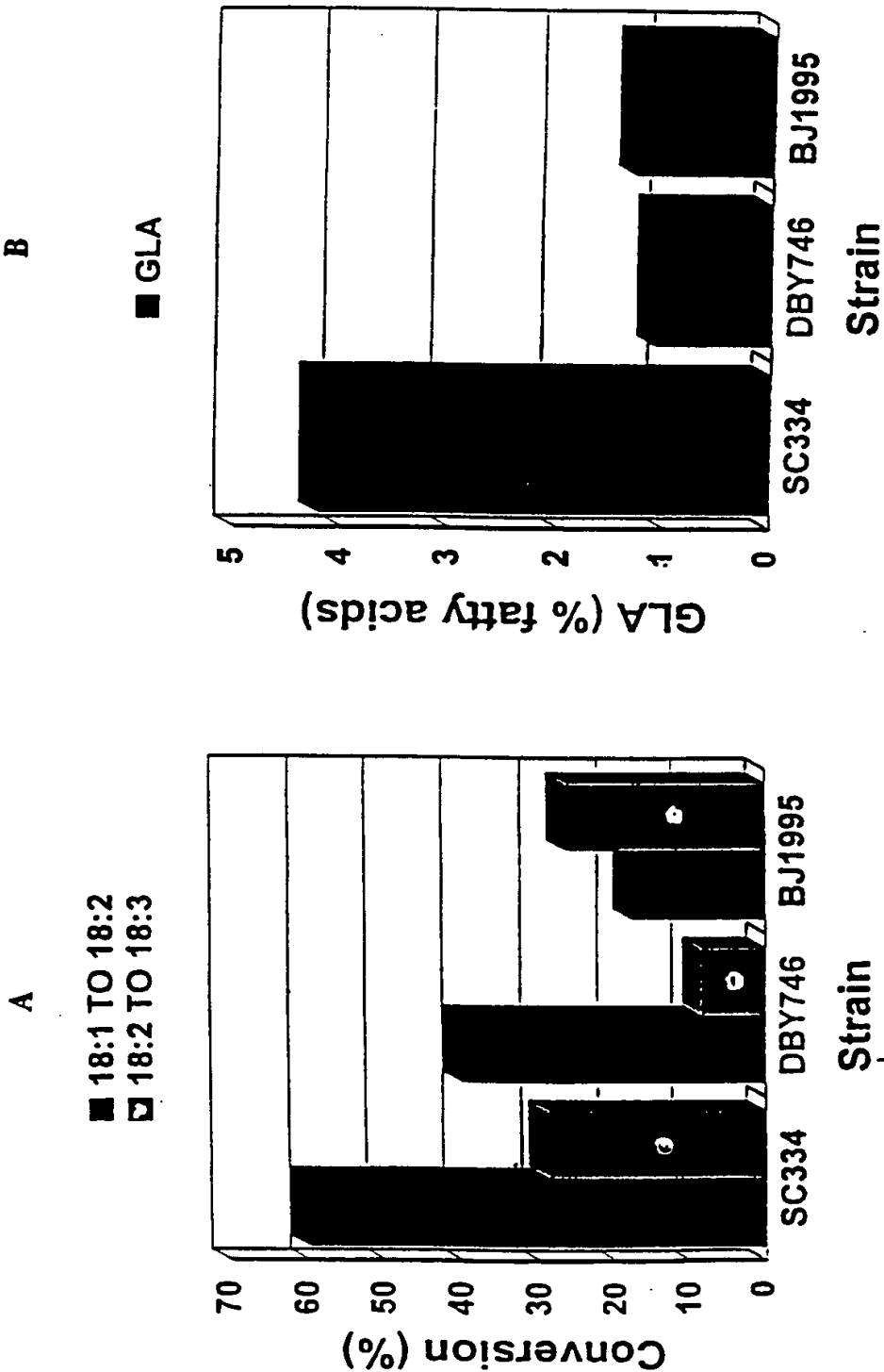
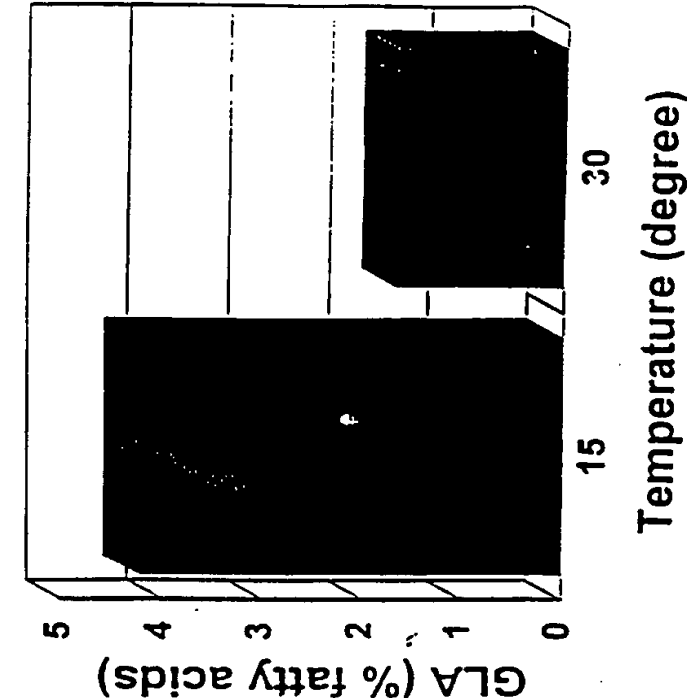


FIG. 7

Effect of Temperature on GLA Production in SC3334

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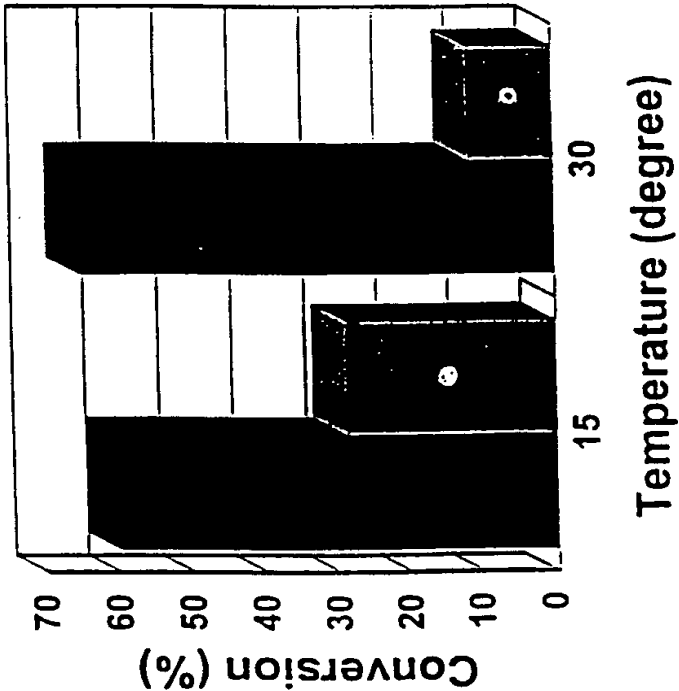


FIG. 8

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      60      70      80      90     100     110
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Figure 9

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FastA Match of ma524 and contig 253538a

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Isolated nucleic acids comprising SEQ ID NO: 1,3, as well as polypeptides comprising SEQ ID NO: 2,4, homologs and fragments thereof.

An isolated or purified eukaryotic polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12, especially of fungal origin, especially of *Mortierella alpina*.

Nucleic acid constructs and vectors comprising delta-6, or delta 12 desaturases according to SEQ ID NO: 1,3, derived from the fungus *Mortierella alpina*.

Recombinant cells comprising said constructs.

Methods for the production of GLA, stearidonic acid, linoleic acid, or gamma-linolenic acid in eukaryotic cell cultures, especially yeast cultures, employing DNA sequences or constructs coding for delta-6, or delta-12 desaturases of fungal origin, especially of *Mortierella alpina*.

Methods for obtaining altered long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis using plants comprising delta-6, or delta-12 desaturases, or combinations thereof, derived from fungi or algae.

Plant oils derived from said plants and their use for therapeutical, nutritional, and cosmetical purposes, as well as products derived therefrom.

2. Claim : 95

An isolated peptides sequence selected from the group of SEQ ID NO: 34-40.

3. Claim : 96

An isolated peptides sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 20, 22, 25, 26

Claims No.: not applicable

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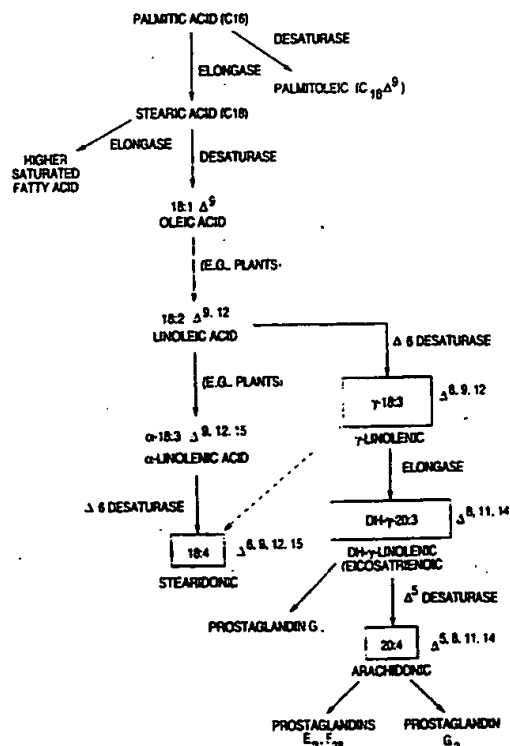
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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to fatty acid desaturases able to catalyze the conversion of oleic acid to linoleic acid, linoleic acid to γ -linolenic acid, or of α -linolenic acid to stearidonic acid. Nucleic acid sequences encoding desaturases, nucleic acid sequences which hybridize thereto, DNA constructs comprising a desaturase gene, and recombinant host microorganism or animal expressing increased levels of a desaturase are described. Methods for desaturating a fatty acid and for producing a desaturated fatty acid by expressing increased levels of a desaturase are disclosed. Fatty acids, and oils containing them, which have been desaturated by a desaturase produced by recombinant host microorganisms or animals are provided. Pharmaceutical compositions, infant formulas or dietary supplements containing fatty acids which have been desaturated by a desaturase produced by a recombinant host microorganism or animal also are described.



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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SYNTHESIS OF LONG CHAIN POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS

RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 This application is a continuation-in-part application of United States
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INTRODUCTION

Field of the Invention

10 This invention relates to modulating levels of enzymes and/or enzyme
components relating to production of long chain poly-unsaturated fatty acids
(PUFAs) in a microorganism or animal.

Background

15 Two main families of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) are the ω 3
fatty acids, exemplified by eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), and the ω 6 fatty acids,
exemplified by arachidonic acid (ARA). PUFAs are important components of
the plasma membrane of the cell, where they may be found in such forms as
phospholipids. PUFAs are necessary for proper development, particularly in the
developing infant brain, and for tissue formation and repair. PUFAs also serve
as precursors to other molecules of importance in human beings and animals,
20 including the prostacyclins, eicosanoids, leukotrienes and prostaglandins. Four
major long chain PUFAs of importance include docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)
and EPA, which are primarily found in different types of fish oil, γ -linolenic
acid (GLA), which is found in the seeds of a number of plants, including
evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*), borage (*Borago officinalis*) and black
25 currants (*Ribes nigrum*), and stearidonic acid (SDA), which is found in marine
oils and plant seeds. Both GLA and another important long chain PUFA,
arachidonic acid (ARA), are found in filamentous fungi. ARA can be purified
from animal tissues including liver and adrenal gland. GLA, ARA, EPA and

SDA are themselves, or are dietary precursors to, important long chain fatty acids involved in prostaglandin synthesis, in treatment of heart disease, and in development of brain tissue.

For DHA, a number of sources exist for commercial production including a variety of marine organisms, oils obtained from cold water marine fish, and egg yolk fractions. For ARA, microorganisms including the genera *Mortierella*, *Entomophthora*, *Phytium* and *Porphyridium* can be used for commercial production. Commercial sources of SDA include the genera *Trichodesma* and *Echium*. Commercial sources of GLA include evening primrose, black currants and borage. However, there are several disadvantages associated with commercial production of PUFAs from natural sources. Natural sources of PUFAs, such as animals and plants, tend to have highly heterogeneous oil compositions. The oils obtained from these sources therefore can require extensive purification to separate out one or more desired PUFAs or to produce an oil which is enriched in one or more PUFA. Natural sources also are subject to uncontrollable fluctuations in availability. Fish stocks may undergo natural variation or may be depleted by overfishing. Fish oils have unpleasant tastes and odors, which may be impossible to economically separate from the desired product, and can render such products unacceptable as food supplements. Animal oils, and particularly fish oils, can accumulate environmental pollutants. Weather and disease can cause fluctuation in yields from both fish and plant sources. Cropland available for production of alternate oil-producing crops is subject to competition from the steady expansion of human populations and the associated increased need for food production on the remaining arable land. Crops which do produce PUFAs, such as borage, have not been adapted to commercial growth and may not perform well in monoculture. Growth of such crops is thus not economically competitive where more profitable and better established crops can be grown. Large scale fermentation of organisms such as *Mortierella* is also expensive. Natural animal tissues contain low amounts of ARA and are difficult to process. Microorganisms such as *Porphyridium* and *Mortierella* are difficult to cultivate on a commercial scale.

Dietary supplements and pharmaceutical formulations containing PUFAs can retain the disadvantages of the PUFA source. Supplements such as fish oil capsules can contain low levels of the particular desired component and thus require large dosages. High dosages result in ingestion of high levels of undesired components, including contaminants. Unpleasant tastes and odors of the supplements can make such regimens undesirable, and may inhibit compliance by the patient. Care must be taken in providing fatty acid supplements, as overaddition may result in suppression of endogenous biosynthetic pathways and lead to competition with other necessary fatty acids in various lipid fractions *in vivo*, leading to undesirable results. For example, Eskimos having a diet high in ω 3 fatty acids have an increased tendency to bleed (U.S. Pat. No. 4,874,603).

A number of enzymes are involved in PUFA biosynthesis. Linoleic acid (LA, 18:2 Δ 9, 12) is produced from oleic acid (18:1 Δ 9) by a Δ 12-desaturase. GLA (18:3 Δ 6, 9, 12) is produced from linoleic acid (LA, 18:2 Δ 9, 12) by a Δ 6-desaturase. ARA (20:4 Δ 5, 8, 11, 14) production from dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (DGLA, 20:3 Δ 8, 11, 14) is catalyzed by a Δ 5-desaturase. However, animals cannot desaturate beyond the Δ 9 position and therefore cannot convert oleic acid (18:1 Δ 9) into linoleic acid (18:2 Δ 9, 12). Likewise, α -linolenic acid (ALA, 18:3 Δ 9, 12, 15) cannot be synthesized by mammals. Other eukaryotes, including fungi and plants, have enzymes which desaturate at positions Δ 12 and Δ 15. The major poly-unsaturated fatty acids of animals therefore are either derived from diet and/or from desaturation and elongation of linoleic acid (18:2 Δ 9, 12) or α -linolenic acid (18:3 Δ 9, 12, 15). Therefore it is of interest to obtain genetic material involved in PUFA biosynthesis from species that naturally produce these fatty acids and to express the isolated material in a microbial or animal system which can be manipulated to provide production of commercial quantities of one or more PUFAs. Thus there is a need for fatty acid desaturases, genes encoding them, and recombinant methods of producing them. A need further exists for oils containing higher relative proportions of and/or

enriched in specific PUFAs. A need also exists for reliable economical methods of producing specific PUFAs.

Relevant Literature

5 Production of γ -linolenic acid by a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase is described in USPN 5,552,306. Production of 8, 11-eicosadienoic acid using *Mortierella alpina* is disclosed in USPN 5,376,541. Production of docosahexaenoic acid by dinoflagellates is described in USPN 5,407,957. Cloning of a $\Delta 6$ -palmitoyl-acyl carrier protein desaturase is described in PCT publication WO 96/13591 and USPN 5,614,400. Cloning of a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase from borage is described in 10 PCT publication WO 96/21022. Cloning of $\Delta 9$ -desaturases is described in the published patent applications PCT WO 91/13972, EP 0 550 162 A1, EP 0 561 569 A2, EP 0 644 263 A2, and EP 0 736 598 A1, and in USPN 5,057,419. Cloning of $\Delta 12$ -desaturases from various organisms is described in PCT publication WO 94/11516 and USPN 5,443,974. Cloning of $\Delta 15$ -desaturases 15 from various organisms is described in PCT publication WO 93/11245. All publications and U.S. patents or applications referred to herein are hereby incorporated in their entirety by reference.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

20 Novel compositions and methods are provided for preparation of poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acids. The compositions include nucleic acid encoding a $\Delta 6$ - and $\Delta 12$ - desaturase and/or polypeptides having $\Delta 6$ - and/or $\Delta 12$ - desaturase activity, the polypeptides, and probes isolating and detecting the same. The methods involve growing a host microorganism or animal expressing an introduced gene or genes encoding at least one desaturase, 25 particularly a $\Delta 6$ -, $\Delta 9$ -, $\Delta 12$ - or $\Delta 15$ -desaturase. The methods also involve the use of antisense constructs or gene disruptions to decrease or eliminate the expression level of undesired desaturases. Regulation of expression of the desaturase polypeptide(s) provides for a relative increase in desired desaturated PUFAs as a result of altered concentrations of enzymes and substrates involved

in PUFA biosynthesis. The invention finds use, for example, in the large scale production of GLA, DGLA, ARA, EPA, DHA and SDA.

5 In a preferred embodiment of the invention, an isolated nucleic acid comprising: a nucleotide sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3), a polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence according Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3), and a purified or isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4). In another
10 embodiment of the invention, provided is an isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4).

Also provided is an isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end, wherein said nucleotide sequence has
15 an average A/T content of less than about 60%. In a preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid is derived from a fungus, such as a fungus of the genus *Mortierella*. More preferred is a fungus of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

In another preferred embodiment of the invention, an isolated nucleic acid is provided wherein the nucleotide sequence of the nucleic acid is depicted
20 in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). The invention also provides an isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end, wherein the polypeptide is a eukaryotic polypeptide or is derived from a eukaryotic polypeptide, where a preferred eukaryotic polypeptide is derived from a fungus.

25 The present invention further includes a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes to Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). Preferred is an isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). The invention also includes an isolated nucleic acid having a
30 nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3). In a preferred embodiment, the

nucleic acid of the invention includes a nucleotide sequence which encodes an amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-D (SEQ ID NO: 2) which is selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues 50-53, 39-43, 172-176, 204-213, and 390-402.

5 Also provided by the present invention is a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence depicted in a Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 3) linked to a heterologous nucleic acid. In another embodiment, a nucleic acid construct is provided which comprises a nucleotide sequence depicted in a Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Figure 5A-
10 D (SEQ ID NO: 3) operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a host cell. The host cell is either eukaryotic or prokaryotic. Preferred eukaryotic host cells are those selected from the group consisting of a mammalian cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell, and an algae cell. Preferred mammalian cells include an avian cell, a preferred fungal cell includes a yeast
15 cell, and a preferred algae cell is a marine algae cell. Preferred prokaryotic cells include those selected from the group consisting of a bacteria, a cyanobacteria, cells which contain a bacteriophage, and/or a virus. The DNA sequence of the recombinant host cell preferably contains a promoter which is functional in the host cell, which promoter is preferably inducible. In a more preferred
20 embodiment, the microbial cell is a fungal cell of the genus *Mortierella*, with a more preferred fungus is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

In addition, the present invention provides a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to an amino
25 acid sequence depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2) or Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4), wherein the nucleic acid is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a microbial cell, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a functionally active polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or carbon 12 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid
30 molecule. Another embodiment of the present invention is a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 6$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is

complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2), wherein the nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a host cell.

5 Yet another embodiment of the present invention is a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 12$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO: 4), wherein the nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a host cell. The
10 host cell, is either a eukaryotic or prokaryotic host cell. Preferred eukaryotic host cells are those selected from the group consisting of a mammalian cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell, and an algae cell. Preferred mammalian cells include an avian cell, a preferred fungal cell includes a yeast cell, and a preferred algae cell is a marine algae cell. Preferred prokaryotic cells include those selected
15 from the group consisting of a bacteria, a cyanobacteria, cells which contain a bacteriophage, and/or a virus. The DNA sequence of the recombinant host cell preferably contains a promoter which is functional in the host cell and which preferably is inducible. A preferred recombinant host cell is a microbial cell such as a yeast cell, such as a *Saccharomyces* cell.

20 The present invention also provides a recombinant microbial cell comprising at least one copy of a nucleic acid which encodes a functionally active *Mortierella alpina* fatty acid desaturase having an amino acid sequence as depicted in Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO: 2), wherein the cell or a parent of the cell was transformed with a vector comprising said DNA sequence, and wherein
25 the DNA sequence is operably associated with an expression control sequence. In a preferred embodiment, the cell is a microbial cell which is enriched in 18:2 fatty acids, particularly where the microbial cell is from a genus selected from the group consisting of a prokaryotic cell and eukaryotic cell. In another preferred embodiment, the microbial cell according to the invention includes an
30 expression control sequence which is endogenous to the microbial cell.

Also provided by the present invention is a method for production of GLA in a host cell, where the method comprises growing a host culture having a plurality of host cells which contain one or more nucleic acids encoding a polypeptide which converts LA to GLA, wherein said one or more nucleic acids is operably associated with an expression control sequence, under conditions whereby said one or more nucleic acids are expressed, whereby GLA is produced in the host cell. In several preferred embodiments of the methods, the polypeptide employed in the method is a functionally active enzyme which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule; the said one or more nucleic acids is derived from a *Mortierella alpina*; the substrate for the polypeptide is exogenously supplied; the host cells are microbial cells; the microbial cells are yeast cells, such as *Saccharomyces* cells; and the growing conditions are inducible.

Also provided is an oil comprising one or more PUFA, wherein the amount of said one or more PUFAs is approximately 0.3-30% arachidonic acid (ARA), approximately 0.2-30% dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (DGLA), and approximately 0.2-30% γ -linoleic acid (GLA). A preferred oil of the invention is one in which the ratio of ARA:DGLA:GLA is approximately 1.0:19.0:30 to 6.0:1.0:0.2. Another preferred embodiment of the invention is a pharmaceutical composition comprising the oils in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Further provided is a nutritional composition comprising the oils of the invention. The nutritional compositions of the invention preferably are administered to a mammalian host parenterally or internally. A preferred composition of the invention for internal consumption is an infant formula. In a preferred embodiment, the nutritional compositions of the invention are in a liquid form or a solid form, and can be formulated in or as a dietary supplement, and the oils provided in encapsulated form. The oils of the invention can be free of particular components of other oils and can be derived from a microbial cell, such as a yeast cell.

The present invention further provides a method for desaturating a fatty acid. In a preferred embodiment the method comprises culturing a recombinant microbial cell according to the invention under conditions suitable for

expression of a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, wherein the host cell further comprises a fatty acid substrate of said polypeptide. Also provided is a fatty acid desaturated by such a method, and an oil composition comprising a fatty acid produced according to the methods of the invention.

5 The present invention further includes a purified nucleotide sequence or polypeptide sequence that is substantially related or homologous to the nucleotide and peptide sequences presented in SEQ ID NO:1 - SEQ ID NO:40. The present invention is further directed to methods of using the sequences presented in SEQ ID NO:1 to SEQ ID NO:40 as probes to identify related
10 sequences, as components of expression systems and as components of systems useful for producing transgenic oil.

 The present invention is further directed to formulas, dietary supplements or dietary supplements in the form of a liquid or a solid containing the long chain fatty acids of the invention. These formulas and supplements
15 may be administered to a human or an animal.

 The formulas and supplements of the invention may further comprise at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electrodialysed whey, electrodialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein
20 hydrolysates.

 The formulas of the present invention may further include at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper,
25 chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

 The present invention is further directed to a method of treating a patient having a condition caused by insufficient intake or production of polyunsaturated fatty acids comprising administering to the patient a dietary substitute of the invention in an amount sufficient to effect treatment of the patient.

30 The present invention is further directed to cosmetic and pharmaceutical compositions of the material of the invention.

The present invention is further directed to transgenic oils in pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. The present invention is further directed to nutritional supplements, cosmetic agents and infant formulae containing transgenic oils.

5 The present invention is further directed to a method for obtaining altered long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis comprising the steps of: growing a microbe having cells which contain a transgene which encodes a transgene expression product which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of said fatty acid molecule, wherein the transgene is operably associated with an expression control sequence, under conditions
10 whereby the transgene is expressed, whereby long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis in the cells is altered.

 The present invention is further directed toward pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one nutrient selected from the group consisting
15 of a vitamin, a mineral, a carbohydrate, a sugar, an amino acid, a free fatty acid, a phospholipid, an antioxidant, and a phenolic compound.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

 Figure 1 shows possible pathways for the synthesis of arachidonic acid
20 (20:4 Δ 5, 8, 11, 14) and stearidonic acid (18:4 Δ 6, 9, 12, 15) from palmitic acid (C_{16}) from a variety of organisms, including algae, *Mortierella* and humans. These PUFAs can serve as precursors to other molecules important for humans and other animals, including prostacyclins, leukotrienes, and prostaglandins, some of which are shown.

25 Figure 2 shows possible pathways for production of PUFAs in addition to ARA, including EPA and DHA, again compiled from a variety of organisms.

 Figure 3A-E shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* Δ 6-desaturase and the deduced amino acid sequence:

 Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO 1 Δ 6 DESATURASE cDNA)

Figure 3A-E (SEQ ID NO 2 $\Delta 6$ DESATURASE AMINO ACID)

Figure 4 shows an alignment of a portion of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amino acid sequence with other related sequences.

5 Figure 5A-D shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase and the deduced amino acid sequence:

Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO 3 $\Delta 12$ DESATURASE cDNA)

Figure 5A-D (SEQ ID NO 4 $\Delta 12$ DESATURASE AMINO ACID).

Figures 6A and 6B show the effect of different expression constructs on expression of GLA in yeast.

10 Figures 7A and 7B show the effect of host strain on GLA production.

Figures 8A and 8B show the effect of temperature on GLA production in *S. cerevisiae* strain SC334.

Figure 9 shows alignments of the protein sequence of the Ma 29 and contig 253538a.

15 Figure 10 shows alignments of the protein sequence of Ma 524 and contig 253538a.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEQUENCE LISTINGS

SEQ ID NO:1 shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase.

20 SEQ ID NO:2 shows the protein sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase.

SEQ ID NO:3 shows the DNA sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase.

25 SEQ ID NO:4 shows the protein sequence of the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase.

SEQ ID NO:5-11 show various desaturase sequences.

SEQ ID NO:13-18 show various PCR primer sequences.

SEQ ID NO:19 and SEQ ID NO:20 show the nucleotide and amino acid sequence of a *Dictyostelium discoideum* desaturase.

5 SEQ ID NO:21 and SEQ ID NO:22 show the nucleotide and amino acid sequence of a *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* desaturase.

SEQ ID NO:23-26 show the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequence of a *Schizochytrium* cDNA clone.

SEQ ID NO: 27-33 show nucleotide sequences for human desaturases.

10 SEQ ID NO:34 - SEQ ID NO:40 show peptide sequences for human desaturases.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In order to ensure a complete understanding of the invention, the following definitions are provided:

15 **Δ 5-Desaturase:** Δ 5 desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 5 and 6 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

Δ 6-Desaturase: Δ 6-desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 6 and 7 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

Δ 9-Desaturase: Δ 9-desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 9 and 10 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

20 **Δ 12-Desaturase:** Δ 12-desaturase is an enzyme which introduces a double bond between carbons 12 and 13 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

25 **Fatty Acids:** Fatty acids are a class of compounds containing a long hydrocarbon chain and a terminal carboxylate group. Fatty acids include the following:

Fatty Acid		
12:0	lauric acid	
16:0	palmitic acid	

Fatty Acid		
16:1	palmitoleic acid	
18:0	stearic acid	
18:1	oleic acid	Δ^9 -18:1
18:2 $\Delta^{5,9}$	taxoleic acid	$\Delta^{5,9}$ -18:2
18:2 $\Delta^{6,9}$	6,9-octadecadienoic acid	$\Delta^{6,9}$ -18:2
18:2	Linolenic acid	$\Delta^{9,12}$ -18:2 (LA)
18:3 $\Delta^{6,9,12}$	Gamma-linolenic acid	$\Delta^{6,9,12}$ -18:3 (GLA)
18:3 $\Delta^{5,9,12}$	Pinolenic acid	$\Delta^{5,9,12}$ -18:3
18:3	alpha-linoleic acid	$\Delta^{9,12,15}$ -18:3 (ALA)
18:4	stearidonic acid	$\Delta^{6,9,12,15}$ -18:4 (SDA)
20:0	Arachidic acid	
20:1	Eicosenic Acid	
22:0	behehic acid	
22:1	erucic acid	
22:2	docasadienoic acid	
20:4 ω_6	arachidonic acid	$\Delta^{5,8,11,14}$ -20:4 (ARA)
20:3 ω_6	ω_6 -eicosatrienoic dihomo-gamma linolenic	$\Delta^{8,11,14}$ -20:3 (DGLA)
20:5 ω_3	Eicosapentanoic (Timnodonic acid)	$\Delta^{5,8,11,14,17}$ -20:5 (EPA)
20:3 ω_3	ω_3 -eicosatrienoic	$\Delta^{11,16,17}$ -20:3
20:4 ω_3	ω_3 -eicosatetraenoic	$\Delta^{8,11,14,17}$ -20:4
22:5 ω_3	Docosapentaenoic	$\Delta^{7,10,13,16,19}$ -22:5 (ω_3 DPA)
22:6 ω_3	Docosahexaenoic (cervonic acid)	$\Delta^{4,7,10,13,16,19}$ -22:6 (DHA)
24:0	Lignoceric acid	

5 Taking into account these definitions, the present invention is directed to novel DNA sequences, DNA constructs, methods and compositions are provided which permit modification of the poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acid content of, for example, microbial cells or animals. Host cells are manipulated to express a sense or antisense transcript of a DNA encoding a polypeptide(s) which catalyzes the desaturation of a fatty acid. The substrate(s) for the expressed enzyme may be produced by the host cell or may be exogenously supplied. To achieve expression, the transformed DNA is

operably associated with transcriptional and translational initiation and termination regulatory regions that are functional in the host cell. Constructs comprising the gene to be expressed can provide for integration into the genome of the host cell or can autonomously replicate in the host cell. For production of
5 linoleic acid (LA), the expression cassettes generally used include a cassette which provides for $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity, particularly in a host cell which produces or can take up oleic acid (U.S. Patent No. 5,443,974). Production of LA also can be increased by providing an expression cassette for a $\Delta 9$ -
10 desaturase where that enzymatic activity is limiting. For production of ALA, the expression cassettes generally used include a cassette which provides for $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ -desaturase activity, particularly in a host cell which produces or can take up LA. For production of GLA or SDA, the expression cassettes generally used include a cassette which provides for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity, particularly in
15 a host cell which produces or can take up LA or ALA, respectively. Production of $\omega 6$ -type unsaturated fatty acids, such as LA or GLA, is favored in a host microorganism or animal which is incapable of producing ALA. The host ALA production can be removed, reduced and/or inhibited by inhibiting the activity of a $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ - type desaturase (see Figure 2). This can be accomplished by
20 standard selection, providing an expression cassette for an antisense $\Delta 15$ or $\omega 3$ transcript, by disrupting a target $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ -desaturase gene through insertion, deletion, substitution of part or all of the target gene, or by adding an inhibitor of $\Delta 15$ - or $\omega 3$ -desaturase. Similarly, production of LA or ALA is favored in a microorganism or animal having $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity by providing an
25 expression cassette for an antisense $\Delta 6$ transcript, by disrupting a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene, or by use of a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase inhibitor.

MICROBIAL PRODUCTION OF FATTY ACIDS

Microbial production of fatty acids has several advantages over purification from natural sources such as fish or plants. Many microbes are
30 known with greatly simplified oil compositions compared with those of higher organisms, making purification of desired components easier. Microbial production is not subject to fluctuations caused by external variables such as

weather and food supply. Microbially produced oil is substantially free of contamination by environmental pollutants. Additionally, microbes can provide PUFAs in particular forms which may have specific uses. For example, *Spirulina* can provide PUFAs predominantly at the first and third positions of triglycerides; digestion by pancreatic lipases preferentially releases fatty acids from these positions. Following human or animal ingestion of triglycerides derived from *Spirulina*, these PUFAs are released by pancreatic lipases as free fatty acids and thus are directly available, for example, for infant brain development. Additionally, microbial oil production can be manipulated by controlling culture conditions, notably by providing particular substrates for microbially expressed enzymes, or by addition of compounds which suppress undesired biochemical pathways. In addition to these advantages, production of fatty acids from recombinant microbes provides the ability to alter the naturally occurring microbial fatty acid profile by providing new synthetic pathways in the host or by suppressing undesired pathways, thereby increasing levels of desired PUFAs, or conjugated forms thereof, and decreasing levels of undesired PUFAs.

PRODUCTION OF FATTY ACIDS IN ANIMALS

Production of fatty acids in animals also presents several advantages. Expression of desaturase genes in animals can produce greatly increased levels of desired PUFAs in animal tissues, making recovery from those tissues more economical. For example, where the desired PUFAs are expressed in the breast milk of animals, methods of isolating PUFAs from animal milk are well established. In addition to providing a source for purification of desired PUFAs, animal breast milk can be manipulated through expression of desaturase genes, either alone or in combination with other human genes, to provide animal milks substantially similar to human breast milk during the different stages of infant development. Humanized animal milks could serve as infant formulas where human nursing is impossible or undesired, or in cases of malnourishment or disease.

Depending upon the host cell, the availability of substrate, and the desired end product(s), several polypeptides, particularly desaturases, are of

interest. By "desaturase" is intended a polypeptide which can desaturate one or more fatty acids to produce a mono- or poly-unsaturated fatty acid or precursor thereof of interest. Of particular interest are polypeptides which can catalyze the conversion of stearic acid to oleic acid, of oleic acid to LA, of LA to ALA, of LA to GLA, or of ALA to SDA, which includes enzymes which desaturate at the $\Delta 9$, $\Delta 12$, ($\omega 6$), $\Delta 15$, ($\omega 3$) or $\Delta 6$ positions. By "polypeptide" is meant any chain of amino acids, regardless of length or post-translational modification, for example, glycosylation or phosphorylation. Considerations for choosing a specific polypeptide having desaturase activity include the pH optimum of the polypeptide, whether the polypeptide is a rate limiting enzyme or a component thereof, whether the desaturase used is essential for synthesis of a desired poly-unsaturated fatty acid, and/or co-factors required by the polypeptide. The expressed polypeptide preferably has parameters compatible with the biochemical environment of its location in the host cell. For example, the polypeptide may have to compete for substrate with other enzymes in the host cell. Analyses of the K_m and specific activity of the polypeptide in question therefore are considered in determining the suitability of a given polypeptide for modifying PUFA production in a given host cell. The polypeptide used in a particular situation is one which can function under the conditions present in the intended host cell but otherwise can be any polypeptide having desaturase activity which has the desired characteristic of being capable of modifying the relative production of a desired PUFA.

For production of linoleic acid from oleic acid, the DNA sequence used encodes a polypeptide having $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity. For production of GLA from linoleic acid, the DNA sequence used encodes a polypeptide having $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity. In particular instances, expression of $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity can be coupled with expression of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity and the host cell can optionally be depleted of any $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity present, for example by providing a transcription cassette for production of antisense sequences to the $\Delta 15$ -desaturase transcription product, by disrupting the $\Delta 15$ -desaturase gene, or by using a host cell which naturally has, or has been mutated to have, low $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity. Inhibition of undesired desaturase pathways also can be

accomplished through the use of specific desaturase inhibitors such as those described in U.S. Patent No. 4,778,630. Also, a host cell for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase expression may have, or have been mutated to have, high $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity. The choice of combination of cassettes used depends in part on the PUFA profile and/or desaturase profile of the host cell. Where the host cell expresses $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity and lacks or is depleted in $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity, overexpression of $\Delta 6$ -desaturase alone generally is sufficient to provide for enhanced GLA production. Where the host cell expresses $\Delta 9$ -desaturase activity, expression of a $\Delta 12$ - and a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase can provide for enhanced GLA production. When $\Delta 9$ -desaturase activity is absent or limiting, an expression cassette for $\Delta 9$ -desaturase can be used. A scheme for the synthesis of arachidonic acid ($20:4 \Delta^{5,8,11,14}$) from stearic acid ($18:0$) is shown in Figure 2. A key enzyme in this pathway is a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase which converts the linoleic acid into γ -linolenic acid. Conversion of α -linolenic acid (ALA) to stearidonic acid by a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase also is shown.

SOURCES OF POLYPEPTIDES HAVING DESATURASE ACTIVITY

A source of polypeptides having desaturase activity and oligonucleotides encoding such polypeptides are organisms which produce a desired polyunsaturated fatty acid. As an example, microorganisms having an ability to produce GLA or ARA can be used as a source of $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ - desaturase activity. Such microorganisms include, for example, those belonging to the genera *Mortierella*, *Conidiobolus*, *Pythium*, *Phytophthora*, *Penicillium*, *Porphyridium*, *Coidosporium*, *Mucor*, *Fusarium*, *Aspergillus*, *Rhodotorula*, and *Entomophthora*. Within the genus *Porphyridium*, of particular interest is *Porphyridium cruentum*. Within the genus *Mortierella*, of particular interest are *Mortierella elongata*, *Mortierella exigua*, *Mortierella hygrophila*, *Mortierella ramanniana*, var. *angulispora*, and *Mortierella alpina*. Within the genus *Mucor*, of particular interest are *Mucor circinelloides* and *Mucor javanicus*.

DNAs encoding desired desaturases can be identified in a variety of ways. As an example, a source of the desired desaturase, for example genomic

or cDNA libraries from *Mortierella*, is screened with detectable enzymatically- or chemically-synthesized probes, which can be made from DNA, RNA, or non-naturally occurring nucleotides, or mixtures thereof. Probes may be enzymatically synthesized from DNAs of known desaturases for normal or reduced-stringency hybridization methods. Oligonucleotide probes also can be used to screen sources and can be based on sequences of known desaturases, including sequences conserved among known desaturases, or on peptide sequences obtained from the desired purified protein. Oligonucleotide probes based on amino acid sequences can be degenerate to encompass the degeneracy of the genetic code, or can be biased in favor of the preferred codons of the source organism. Oligonucleotides also can be used as primers for PCR from reverse transcribed mRNA from a known or suspected source; the PCR product can be the full length cDNA or can be used to generate a probe to obtain the desired full length cDNA. Alternatively, a desired protein can be entirely sequenced and total synthesis of a DNA encoding that polypeptide performed.

Once the desired genomic or cDNA has been isolated, it can be sequenced by known methods. It is recognized in the art that such methods are subject to errors, such that multiple sequencing of the same region is routine and is still expected to lead to measurable rates of mistakes in the resulting deduced sequence, particularly in regions having repeated domains, extensive secondary structure, or unusual base compositions, such as regions with high GC base content. When discrepancies arise, resequencing can be done and can employ special methods. Special methods can include altering sequencing conditions by using: different temperatures; different enzymes; proteins which alter the ability of oligonucleotides to form higher order structures; altered nucleotides such as ITP or methylated dGTP; different gel compositions, for example adding formamide; different primers or primers located at different distances from the problem region; or different templates such as single stranded DNAs. Sequencing of mRNA also can be employed.

For the most part, some or all of the coding sequence for the polypeptide having desaturase activity is from a natural source. In some situations, however, it is desirable to modify all or a portion of the codons, for example, to

enhance expression, by employing host preferred codons. Host preferred codons can be determined from the codons of highest frequency in the proteins expressed in the largest amount in a particular host species of interest. Thus, the coding sequence for a polypeptide having desaturase activity can be synthesized in whole or in part. All or portions of the DNA also can be synthesized to remove any destabilizing sequences or regions of secondary structure which would be present in the transcribed mRNA. All or portions of the DNA also can be synthesized to alter the base composition to one more preferable in the desired host cell. Methods for synthesizing sequences and bringing sequences together are well established in the literature. *In vitro* mutagenesis and selection, site-directed mutagenesis, or other means can be employed to obtain mutations of naturally occurring desaturase genes to produce a polypeptide having desaturase activity *in vivo* with more desirable physical and kinetic parameters for function in the host cell, such as a longer half-life or a higher rate of production of a desired polyunsaturated fatty acid.

Mortierella alpina Desaturase

Of particular interest is the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase, which has 457 amino acids and a predicted molecular weight of 51.8 kD; the amino acid sequence is shown in Figure 3. The gene encoding the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase can be expressed in transgenic microorganisms or animals to effect greater synthesis of GLA from linoleic acid or of stearidonic acid from ALA. Other DNAs which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase DNA, or which encode polypeptides which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase polypeptide, also can be used. By substantially identical is intended an amino acid sequence or nucleic acid sequence exhibiting in order of increasing preference at least 60%, 80%, 90% or 95% homology to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amino acid sequence or nucleic acid sequence encoding the amino acid sequence. For polypeptides, the length of comparison sequences generally is at least 16 amino acids, preferably at least 20 amino acids, or most preferably 35 amino acids. For nucleic acids, the length of comparison sequences generally is at least 50 nucleotides,

preferably at least 60 nucleotides, and more preferably at least 75 nucleotides, and most preferably, 110 nucleotides. Homology typically is measured using sequence analysis software, for example, the Sequence Analysis software package of the Genetics Computer Group, University of Wisconsin
5 Biotechnology Center, 1710 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53705, MEGAlign (DNASar, Inc., 1228 S. Park St., Madison, Wisconsin 53715), and MacVector (Oxford Molecular Group, 2105 S. Bascom Avenue, Suite 200, Campbell, California 95008). Such software matches similar sequences by assigning degrees of homology to various substitutions, deletions, and other
10 modifications. Conservative substitutions typically include substitutions within the following groups: glycine and alanine; valine, isoleucine and leucine; aspartic acid, glutamic acid, asparagine, and glutamine; serine and threonine; lysine and arginine; and phenylalanine and tyrosine. Substitutions may also be made on the basis of conserved hydrophobicity or hydrophilicity (Kyte and
15 Doolittle, *J. Mol. Biol.* 157: 105-132, 1982), or on the basis of the ability to assume similar polypeptide secondary structure (Chou and Fasman, *Adv. Enzymol.* 47: 45-148, 1978).

Also of interest is the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, the nucleotide and amino acid sequence of which is shown in Figure 5. The gene encoding the
20 *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase can be expressed in transgenic microorganisms or animals to effect greater synthesis of LA from oleic acid. Other DNAs which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase DNA, or which encode polypeptides which are substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ -desaturase polypeptide, also can be used.

25 Other Desaturases

Encompassed by the present invention are related desaturases from the same or other organisms. Such related desaturases include variants of the disclosed $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase naturally occurring within the same or different
30 species of *Mortierella*, as well as homologues of the disclosed $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase from other species. Also included are desaturases which, although

not substantially identical to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ - or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, desaturate a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12, respectively, from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule, or at carbon 12 or 6 from the terminal methyl carbon in an 18 carbon fatty acid molecule. Related desaturases can be identified by their ability to function substantially the same as the disclosed desaturases; that is, are still able to effectively convert LA to GLA, ALA to SDA or oleic acid to LA. Related desaturases also can be identified by screening sequence databases for sequences homologous to the disclosed desaturases, by hybridization of a probe based on the disclosed desaturases to a library constructed from the source organism, or by RT-PCR using mRNA from the source organism and primers based on the disclosed desaturases. Such desaturases include those from humans, *Dictyostelium discoideum* and *Phaeodactylum tricornum*.

The regions of a desaturase polypeptide important for desaturase activity can be determined through routine mutagenesis, expression of the resulting mutant polypeptides and determination of their activities. Mutants may include deletions, insertions and point mutations, or combinations thereof. A typical functional analysis begins with deletion mutagenesis to determine the N- and C-terminal limits of the protein necessary for function, and then internal deletions, insertions or point mutants are made to further determine regions necessary for function. Other techniques such as cassette mutagenesis or total synthesis also can be used. Deletion mutagenesis is accomplished, for example, by using exonucleases to sequentially remove the 5' or 3' coding regions. Kits are available for such techniques. After deletion, the coding region is completed by ligating oligonucleotides containing start or stop codons to the deleted coding region after 5' or 3' deletion, respectively. Alternatively, oligonucleotides encoding start or stop codons are inserted into the coding region by a variety of methods including site-directed mutagenesis, mutagenic PCR or by ligation onto DNA digested at existing restriction sites. Internal deletions can similarly be made through a variety of methods including the use of existing restriction sites in the DNA, by use of mutagenic primers via site directed mutagenesis or mutagenic PCR. Insertions are made through methods such as linker-scanning

mutagenesis, site-directed mutagenesis or mutagenic PCR. Point mutations are made through techniques such as site-directed mutagenesis or mutagenic PCR.

Chemical mutagenesis also can be used for identifying regions of a desaturase polypeptide important for activity. A mutated construct is expressed, and the ability of the resulting altered protein to function as a desaturase is assayed. Such structure-function analysis can determine which regions may be deleted, which regions tolerate insertions, and which point mutations allow the mutant protein to function in substantially the same way as the native desaturase. All such mutant proteins and nucleotide sequences encoding them are within the scope of the present invention.

EXPRESSION OF DESATURASE GENES

Once the DNA encoding a desaturase polypeptide has been obtained, it is placed in a vector capable of replication in a host cell, or is propagated *in vitro* by means of techniques such as PCR or long PCR. Replicating vectors can include plasmids, phage, viruses, cosmids and the like. Desirable vectors include those useful for mutagenesis of the gene of interest or for expression of the gene of interest in host cells. The technique of long PCR has made *in vitro* propagation of large constructs possible, so that modifications to the gene of interest, such as mutagenesis or addition of expression signals, and propagation of the resulting constructs can occur entirely *in vitro* without the use of a replicating vector or a host cell.

For expression of a desaturase polypeptide, functional transcriptional and translational initiation and termination regions are operably linked to the DNA encoding the desaturase polypeptide. Expression of the polypeptide coding region can take place *in vitro* or in a host cell. Transcriptional and translational initiation and termination regions are derived from a variety of nonexclusive sources, including the DNA to be expressed, genes known or suspected to be capable of expression in the desired system, expression vectors, chemical synthesis, or from an endogenous locus in a host cell.

Expression In Vitro

In vitro expression can be accomplished, for example, by placing the coding region for the desaturase polypeptide in an expression vector designed for *in vitro* use and adding rabbit reticulocyte lysate and cofactors; labeled amino acids can be incorporated if desired. Such *in vitro* expression vectors may provide some or all of the expression signals necessary in the system used. These methods are well known in the art and the components of the system are commercially available. The reaction mixture can then be assayed directly for the polypeptide, for example by determining its activity, or the synthesized polypeptide can be purified and then assayed.

Expression In A Host Cell

Expression in a host cell can be accomplished in a transient or stable fashion. Transient expression can occur from introduced constructs which contain expression signals functional in the host cell, but which constructs do not replicate and rarely integrate in the host cell, or where the host cell is not proliferating. Transient expression also can be accomplished by inducing the activity of a regulatable promoter operably linked to the gene of interest, although such inducible systems frequently exhibit a low basal level of expression. Stable expression can be achieved by introduction of a construct that can integrate into the host genome or that autonomously replicates in the host cell. Stable expression of the gene of interest can be selected for through the use of a selectable marker located on or transfected with the expression construct, followed by selection for cells expressing the marker. When stable expression results from integration, integration of constructs can occur randomly within the host genome or can be targeted through the use of constructs containing regions of homology with the host genome sufficient to target recombination with the host locus. Where constructs are targeted to an endogenous locus, all or some of the transcriptional and translational regulatory regions can be provided by the endogenous locus.

When increased expression of the desaturase polypeptide in the source organism is desired, several methods can be employed. Additional genes encoding the desaturase polypeptide can be introduced into the host organism. Expression from the native desaturase locus also can be increased through
5 homologous recombination, for example by inserting a stronger promoter into the host genome to cause increased expression, by removing destabilizing sequences from either the mRNA or the encoded protein by deleting that information from the host genome, or by adding stabilizing sequences to the mRNA (USPN 4,910,141).

10 When it is desirable to express more than one different gene, appropriate regulatory regions and expression methods, introduced genes can be propagated in the host cell through use of replicating vectors or by integration into the host genome. Where two or more genes are expressed from separate replicating vectors, it is desirable that each vector has a different means of replication.
15 Each introduced construct, whether integrated or not, should have a different means of selection and should lack homology to the other constructs to maintain stable expression and prevent reassortment of elements among constructs. Judicious choices of regulatory regions, selection means and method of propagation of the introduced construct can be experimentally determined so
20 that all introduced genes are expressed at the necessary levels to provide for synthesis of the desired products.

As an example, where the host cell is a yeast, transcriptional and translational regions functional in yeast cells are provided, particularly from the host species. The transcriptional initiation regulatory regions can be obtained,
25 for example from genes in the glycolytic pathway, such as alcohol dehydrogenase, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GPD), phosphoglucosomerase, phosphoglycerate kinase, etc. or regulatable genes such as acid phosphatase, lactase, metallothionein, glucoamylase, etc. Any one of a number of regulatory sequences can be used in a particular situation,
30 depending upon whether constitutive or induced transcription is desired, the particular efficiency of the promoter in conjunction with the open-reading frame of interest, the ability to join a strong promoter with a control region from a

different promoter which allows for inducible transcription, ease of construction, and the like. Of particular interest are promoters which are activated in the presence of galactose. Galactose-inducible promoters (GAL1, GAL7, and GAL10) have been extensively utilized for high level and regulated expression of protein in yeast (Lue *et al.*, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* Vol. 7, p. 3446, 1987; Johnston, *Microbiol. Rev.* Vol. 51, p. 458, 1987). Transcription from the GAL promoters is activated by the GAL4 protein, which binds to the promoter region and activates transcription when galactose is present. In the absence of galactose, the antagonist GAL80 binds to GAL4 and prevents GAL4 from activating transcription. Addition of galactose prevents GAL80 from inhibiting activation by GAL4.

Nucleotide sequences surrounding the translational initiation codon ATG have been found to affect expression in yeast cells. If the desired polypeptide is poorly expressed in yeast, the nucleotide sequences of exogenous genes can be modified to include an efficient yeast translation initiation sequence to obtain optimal gene expression. For expression in *Saccharomyces*, this can be done by site-directed mutagenesis of an inefficiently expressed gene by fusing it in-frame to an endogenous *Saccharomyces* gene, preferably a highly expressed gene, such as the lactase gene.

The termination region can be derived from the 3' region of the gene from which the initiation region was obtained or from a different gene. A large number of termination regions are known to and have been found to be satisfactory in a variety of hosts from the same and different genera and species. The termination region usually is selected more as a matter of convenience rather than because of any particular property. Preferably, the termination region is derived from a yeast gene, particularly *Saccharomyces*, *Schizosaccharomyces*, *Candida* or *Kluyveromyces*. The 3' regions of two mammalian genes, γ interferon and $\alpha 2$ interferon, are also known to function in yeast.

INTRODUCTION OF CONSTRUCTS INTO HOST CELLS

Constructs comprising the gene of interest may be introduced into a host cell by standard techniques. These techniques include transformation, protoplast fusion, lipofection, transfection, transduction, conjugation, infection, bolistic impact, electroporation, microinjection, scraping, or any other method which introduces the gene of interest into the host cell. Methods of transformation which are used include lithium acetate transformation (*Methods in Enzymology*, Vol. 194, p. 186-187, 1991). For convenience, a host cell which has been manipulated by any method to take up a DNA sequence or construct will be referred to as "transformed" or "recombinant" herein.

The subject host will have at least have one copy of the expression construct and may have two or more, depending upon whether the gene is integrated into the genome, amplified, or is present on an extrachromosomal element having multiple copy numbers. Where the subject host is a yeast, four principal types of yeast plasmid vectors can be used: Yeast Integrating plasmids (YIps), Yeast Replicating plasmids (YRps), Yeast Centromere plasmids (YCps), and Yeast Episomal plasmids (YEps). YIps lack a yeast replication origin and must be propagated as integrated elements in the yeast genome. YRps have a chromosomally derived autonomously replicating sequence and are propagated as medium copy number (20 to 40), autonomously replicating, unstably segregating plasmids. YCps have both a replication origin and a centromere sequence and propagate as low copy number (10-20), autonomously replicating, stably segregating plasmids. YEps have an origin of replication from the yeast 2 μ m plasmid and are propagated as high copy number, autonomously replicating, irregularly segregating plasmids. The presence of the plasmids in yeast can be ensured by maintaining selection for a marker on the plasmid. Of particular interest are the yeast vectors pYES2 (a YEp plasmid available from Invitrogen, confers uracil prototrophy and a GAL1 galactose-inducible promoter for expression), pRS425-pG1 (a YEp plasmid obtained from Dr. T. H. Chang, Ass. Professor of Molecular Genetics, Ohio State University, containing a constitutive GPD promoter and conferring leucine prototrophy), and pYX424 (a YEp plasmid having a constitutive TP1 promoter and conferring

leucine prototrophy; Alber, T. and Kawasaki, G. (1982). *J. Mol. & Appl. Genetics* 1: 419).

The transformed host cell can be identified by selection for a marker contained on the introduced construct. Alternatively, a separate marker
5 construct may be introduced with the desired construct, as many transformation techniques introduce many DNA molecules into host cells. Typically, transformed hosts are selected for their ability to grow on selective media. Selective media may incorporate an antibiotic or lack a factor necessary for growth of the untransformed host, such as a nutrient or growth factor. An
10 introduced marker gene therefor may confer antibiotic resistance, or encode an essential growth factor or enzyme, and permit growth on selective media when expressed in the transformed host. Selection of a transformed host can also occur when the expressed marker protein can be detected, either directly or indirectly. The marker protein may be expressed alone or as a fusion to another
15 protein. The marker protein can be detected by its enzymatic activity; for example β galactosidase can convert the substrate X-gal to a colored product, and luciferase can convert luciferin to a light-emitting product. The marker protein can be detected by its light-producing or modifying characteristics; for example, the green fluorescent protein of *Aequorea victoria* fluoresces when
20 illuminated with blue light. Antibodies can be used to detect the marker protein or a molecular tag on, for example, a protein of interest. Cells expressing the marker protein or tag can be selected, for example, visually, or by techniques such as FACS or panning using antibodies. For selection of yeast transformants, any marker that functions in yeast may be used. Desirably,
25 resistance to kanamycin and the amino glycoside G418 are of interest, as well as ability to grow on media lacking uracil, leucine, lysine or tryptophan.

Of particular interest is the $\Delta 6$ - and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase-mediated production of PUFAs in prokaryotic and eukaryotic host cells. Prokaryotic cells of interest include *Eschericia*, *Bacillus*, *Lactobacillus*, *cyanobacteria* and the like.
30 Eukaryotic cells include mammalian cells such as those of lactating animals, avian cells such as of chickens, and other cells amenable to genetic manipulation including insect, fungal, and algae cells. The cells may be

cultured or formed as part or all of a host organism including an animal. Viruses and bacteriophage also may be used with the cells in the production of PUFAs, particularly for gene transfer, cellular targeting and selection. In a preferred embodiment, the host is any microorganism or animal which produces
5 and/or can assimilate exogenously supplied substrate(s) for a $\Delta 6$ - and/or $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, and preferably produces large amounts of one or more of the substrates. Examples of host animals include mice, rats, rabbits, chickens, quail, turkeys, bovines, sheep, pigs, goats, yaks, etc., which are amenable to genetic manipulation and cloning for rapid expansion of the transgene expressing
10 population. For animals, the desaturase transgene(s) can be adapted for expression in target organelles, tissues and body fluids through modification of the gene regulatory regions. Of particular interest is the production of PUFAs in the breast milk of the host animal.

Expression In Yeast

15 Examples of host microorganisms include *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Saccharomyces carlsbergensis*, or other yeast such as *Candida*, *Kluyveromyces* or other fungi, for example, filamentous fungi such as *Aspergillus*, *Neurospora*, *Penicillium*, etc. Desirable characteristics of a host microorganism are, for example, that it is genetically well characterized, can be used for high level
20 expression of the product using ultra-high density fermentation, and is on the GRAS (generally recognized as safe) list since the proposed end product is intended for ingestion by humans. Of particular interest is use of a yeast, more particularly baker's yeast (*S. cerevisiae*), as a cell host in the subject invention. Strains of particular interest are SC334 (Mat α pep4-3 prbl-1122 ura3-52 leu2-
25 3, 112 regl-501 gal1; *Gene* 83:57-64, 1989, Hovland P. *et al.*), YTC34 (α ade2-101 his3 Δ 200 lys2-801 ura3-52; obtained from Dr. T. H. Chang, Ass. Professor of Molecular Genetics, Ohio State University), YTC41 (a/α ura3-52/ura3=52 lys2-801/lys2-801 ade2-101/ade2-101 trp1- Δ 1/trp1- Δ 1 his3 Δ 200/his3 Δ 200
leu2 Δ 1/leu2 Δ 1; obtained from Dr. T. H. Chang, Ass. Professor of Molecular
30 Genetics, Ohio State University), BJ1995 (obtained from the Yeast Genetic

Stock Centre, 1021 Donner Laboratory, Berkeley, CA 94720), INVSC1 (Mat α hiw3 Δ 1 leu2 trp1-289 ura3-52; obtained from Invitrogen, 1600 Faraday Ave., Carlsbad, CA 92008) and INVSC2 (Mat α his3 Δ 200 ura3-167; obtained from Invitrogen).

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Expression in Avian Species

For producing PUFAs in avian species and cells, such as chickens, turkeys, quail and ducks, gene transfer can be performed by introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a Δ 6 and/or Δ 12-desaturase into the cells following procedures known in the art. If a transgenic animal is desired, pluripotent stem cells of embryos can be provided with a vector carrying a desaturase encoding transgene and developed into adult animal (USPN 5,162,215; Ono *et al.* (1996) *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology A* 113(3):287-292; WO 9612793; WO 9606160). In most cases, the transgene will be modified to express high levels of the desaturase in order to increase production of PUFAs. The transgene can be modified, for example, by providing transcriptional and/or translational regulatory regions that function in avian cells, such as promoters which direct expression in particular tissues and egg parts such as yolk. The gene regulatory regions can be obtained from a variety of sources, including chicken anemia or avian leukosis viruses or avian genes such as a chicken ovalbumin gene.

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Expression in Insect Cells

Production of PUFAs in insect cells can be conducted using baculovirus expression vectors harboring one or more desaturase transgenes. Baculovirus expression vectors are available from several commercial sources such as Clonetech. Methods for producing hybrid and transgenic strains of algae, such as marine algae, which contain and express a desaturase transgene also are provided. For example, transgenic marine algae may be prepared as described in USPN 5,426,040. As with the other expression systems described above, the timing, extent of expression and activity of the desaturase transgene can be

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regulated by fitting the polypeptide coding sequence with the appropriate transcriptional and translational regulatory regions selected for a particular use. Of particular interest are promoter regions which can be induced under preselected growth conditions. For example, introduction of temperature
5 sensitive and/or metabolite responsive mutations into the desaturase transgene coding sequences, its regulatory regions, and/or the genome of cells into which the transgene is introduced can be used for this purpose.

The transformed host cell is grown under appropriate conditions adapted for a desired end result. For host cells grown in culture, the conditions are
10 typically optimized to produce the greatest or most economical yield of PUFAs, which relates to the selected desaturase activity. Media conditions which may be optimized include: carbon source, nitrogen source, addition of substrate, final concentration of added substrate, form of substrate added, aerobic or anaerobic growth, growth temperature, inducing agent, induction temperature,
15 growth phase at induction, growth phase at harvest, pH, density, and maintenance of selection. Microorganisms of interest, such as yeast are preferably grown in selected medium. For yeast, complex media such as peptone broth (YPD) or a defined media such as a minimal media (contains amino acids, yeast nitrogen base, and ammonium sulfate, and lacks a
20 component for selection, for example uracil) are preferred. Desirably, substrates to be added are first dissolved in ethanol. Where necessary, expression of the polypeptide of interest may be induced, for example by including or adding galactose to induce expression from a GAL promoter.

Expression In Plants

25 Production of PUFA's in plants can be conducted using various plant transformation systems such as the use of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, plant viruses, particle cell transformation and the like which are disclosed in Applicant's related applications U.S. Application Serial Nos. 08/834,033 and 08/956,985 and continuation-in-part applications filed simultaneously with this
30 application all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Expression In An Animal

Expression in cells of a host animal can likewise be accomplished in a transient or stable manner. Transient expression can be accomplished via known methods, for example infection or lipofection, and can be repeated in order to maintain desired expression levels of the introduced construct (*see* Ebert, PCT . publication WO 94/05782). Stable expression can be accomplished via integration of a construct into the host genome, resulting in a transgenic animal. The construct can be introduced, for example, by microinjection of the construct into the pronuclei of a fertilized egg, or by transfection, retroviral infection or other techniques whereby the construct is introduced into a cell line which may form or be incorporated into an adult animal (U.S. Patent No. 4,873,191; U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Willmut *et al* (1997) Nature 385:810). The recombinant eggs or embryos are transferred to a surrogate mother (U.S. Patent No. 4,873,191; U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Willmut *et al* (supra)).

After birth, transgenic animals are identified, for example, by the presence of an introduced marker gene, such as for coat color, or by PCR or Southern blotting from a blood, milk or tissue sample to detect the introduced construct, or by an immunological or enzymological assay to detect the expressed protein or the products produced therefrom (U.S. Patent No. 4,873,191; U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Willmut *et al* (supra)). The resulting transgenic animals may be entirely transgenic or may be mosaics, having the transgenes in only a subset of their cells. The advent of mammalian cloning, accomplished by fusing a nucleated cell with an enucleated egg, followed by transfer into a surrogate mother, presents the possibility of rapid, large-scale production upon obtaining a "founder" animal or cell comprising the introduced construct; prior to this, it was necessary for the transgene to be present in the germ line of the animal for propagation (Willmut *et al* (supra)).

Expression in a host animal presents certain efficiencies, particularly where the host is a domesticated animal. For production of PUFAs in a fluid readily obtainable from the host animal, such as milk, the desaturase transgene can be expressed in mammary cells from a female host, and the PUFA content of the host cells altered. The desaturase transgene can be adapted for expression so that it is retained in the mammary cells, or secreted into milk, to form the PUFA reaction products localized to the milk (PCT publication WO 95/24488). Expression can be targeted for expression in mammary tissue using specific regulatory sequences, such as those of bovine α -lactalbumin, α -casein, β -casein, γ -casein, κ -casein, β -lactoglobulin, or whey acidic protein, and may optionally include one or more introns and/or secretory signal sequences (U.S. Patent No. 5,530,177; Rosen, U.S. Patent No. 5,565,362; Clark *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,366,894; Garner *et al.*, PCT publication WO 95/23868). Expression of desaturase transgenes, or antisense desaturase transcripts, adapted in this manner can be used to alter the levels of specific PUFAs, or derivatives thereof, found in the animals milk. Additionally, the desaturase transgene(s) can be expressed either by itself or with other transgenes, in order to produce animal milk containing higher proportions of desired PUFAs or PUFA ratios and concentrations that resemble human breast milk (Prieto *et al.*, PCT publication WO 95/24494).

PURIFICATION OF FATTY ACIDS

The desaturated fatty acids may be found in the host microorganism or animal as free fatty acids or in conjugated forms such as acylglycerols, phospholipids, sulfolipids or glycolipids, and may be extracted from the host cell through a variety of means well-known in the art. Such means may include extraction with organic solvents, sonication, supercritical fluid extraction using for example carbon dioxide, and physical means such as presses, or combinations thereof. Of particular interest is extraction with hexane or methanol and chloroform. Where desirable, the aqueous layer can be acidified to protonate negatively charged moieties and thereby increase partitioning of desired products into the organic layer. After extraction, the organic solvents can be removed by evaporation under a stream of nitrogen. When isolated in

conjugated forms, the products may be enzymatically or chemically cleaved to release the free fatty acid or a less complex conjugate of interest, and can then be subject to further manipulations to produce a desired end product. Desirably, conjugated forms of fatty acids are cleaved with potassium hydroxide.

5 If further purification is necessary, standard methods can be employed. Such methods may include extraction, treatment with urea, fractional crystallization, HPLC, fractional distillation, silica gel chromatography, high speed centrifugation or distillation, or combinations of these techniques. Protection of reactive groups, such as the acid or alkenyl groups, may be done at
10 any step through known techniques, for example alkylation or iodination. Methods used include methylation of the fatty acids to produce methyl esters. Similarly, protecting groups may be removed at any step. Desirably, purification of fractions containing GLA, SDA, ARA, DHA and EPA may be accomplished by treatment with urea and/or fractional distillation.

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USES OF FATTY ACIDS

The fatty acids of the subject invention finds many applications. Probes based on the DNAs of the present invention may find use in methods for isolating related molecules or in methods to detect organisms expressing desaturases. When used as probes, the DNAs or oligonucleotides must be
20 detectable. This is usually accomplished by attaching a label either at an internal site, for example via incorporation of a modified residue, or at the 5' or 3' terminus. Such labels can be directly detectable, can bind to a secondary molecule that is detectably labeled, or can bind to an unlabelled secondary molecule and a detectably labeled tertiary molecule; this process can be
25 extended as long as is practical to achieve a satisfactorily detectable signal without unacceptable levels of background signal. Secondary, tertiary, or bridging systems can include use of antibodies directed against any other molecule, including labels or other antibodies, or can involve any molecules which bind to each other, for example a biotin-streptavidin/avidin system.
30 Detectable labels typically include radioactive isotopes, molecules which chemically or enzymatically produce or alter light, enzymes which produce

detectable reaction products, magnetic molecules, fluorescent molecules or molecules whose fluorescence or light-emitting characteristics change upon binding. Examples of labelling methods can be found in USPN 5,011,770. Alternatively, the binding of target molecules can be directly detected by measuring the change in heat of solution on binding of probe to target via isothermal titration calorimetry, or by coating the probe or target on a surface and detecting the change in scattering of light from the surface produced by binding of target or probe, respectively, as may be done with the BIAcore system.

PUFAs produced by recombinant means find applications in a wide variety of areas. Supplementation of animals or humans with PUFAs in various forms can result in increased levels not only of the added PUFAs but of their metabolic progeny as well.

NUTRITIONAL COMPOSITIONS

The present invention also includes nutritional compositions. Such compositions, for purposes of the present invention, include any food or preparation for human consumption including for enteral or parenteral consumption, which when taken into the body (a) serve to nourish or build up tissues or supply energy and/or (b) maintain, restore or support adequate nutritional status or metabolic function.

The nutritional composition of the present invention comprises at least one oil or acid produced in accordance with the present invention and may either be in a solid or liquid form. Additionally, the composition may include edible macronutrients, vitamins and minerals in amounts desired for a particular use. The amount of such ingredients will vary depending on whether the composition is intended for use with normal, healthy infants, children or adults having specialized needs such as those which accompany certain metabolic conditions (e.g., metabolic disorders).

Examples of macronutrients which may be added to the composition include but are not limited to edible fats, carbohydrates and proteins. Examples of such edible fats include but are not limited to coconut oil, soy oil, and mono-

and diglycerides. Examples of such carbohydrates include but are not limited to glucose, edible lactose and hydrolyzed starch. Additionally, examples of proteins which may be utilized in the nutritional composition of the invention include but are not limited to soy proteins, electrodialysed whey ,
5 electrodialysed skim milk, milk whey, or the hydrolysates of these proteins.

With respect to vitamins and minerals, the following may be added to the nutritional compositions of the present invention: calcium, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, chloride, magnesium, manganese, iron, copper, zinc, selenium, iodine, and Vitamins A, E, D, C, and the B complex. Other such
10 vitamins and minerals may also be added.

The components utilized in the nutritional compositions of the present invention will be of semi-purified or purified origin. By semi-purified or purified is meant a material which has been prepared by purification of a natural material or by synthesis.

15 Examples of nutritional compositions of the present invention include but are not limited to infant formulas, dietary supplements, and rehydration compositions. Nutritional compositions of particular interest include but are not limited to those utilized for enteral and parenteral supplementation for infants, specialist infant formulae, supplements for the elderly, and supplements for
20 those with gastrointestinal difficulties and/or malabsorption.

Nutritional Compositions

A typical nutritional composition of the present invention will contain edible macronutrients, vitamins and minerals in amounts desired for a particular use. The amounts of such ingredients will vary depending on whether the
25 formulation is intended for use with normal, healthy individuals temporarily exposed to stress, or to subjects having specialized needs due to certain chronic or acute disease states (e.g., metabolic disorders). It will be understood by persons skilled in the art that the components utilized in a nutritional formulation of the present invention are of semi-purified or purified origin. By
30 semi-purified or purified is meant a material that has been prepared by

purification of a natural material or by synthesis. These techniques are well known in the art (See, e.g., Code of Federal Regulations for Food Ingredients and Food Processing; Recommended Dietary Allowances, 10th Ed., National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 1989).

5 In a preferred embodiment, a nutritional formulation of the present invention is an enteral nutritional product, more preferably an adult or child enteral nutritional product. Accordingly in a further aspect of the invention, a nutritional formulation is provided that is suitable for feeding adults or children, who are experiencing stress. The formula comprises, in addition to the PUFAs
10 of the invention; macronutrients, vitamins and minerals in amounts designed to provide the daily nutritional requirements of adults.

The macronutritional components include edible fats, carbohydrates and proteins. Exemplary edible fats are coconut oil, soy oil, and mono- and diglycerides and the PUFA oils of this invention. Exemplary carbohydrates are
15 glucose, edible lactose and hydrolyzed cornstarch. A typical protein source would be soy protein, electrodialysed whey or electrodialysed skim milk or milk whey, or the hydrolysates of these proteins, although other protein sources are also available and may be used. These macronutrients would be added in the form of commonly accepted nutritional compounds in amount equivalent to
20 those present in human milk or an energy basis, i.e., on a per calorie basis.

Methods for formulating liquid and enteral nutritional formulas are well known in the art and are described in detail in the examples.

The enteral formula can be sterilized and subsequently utilized on a ready-to-feed (RTF) basis or stored in a concentrated liquid or a powder. The
25 powder can be prepared by spray drying the enteral formula prepared as indicated above, and the formula can be reconstituted by rehydrating the concentrate. Adult and infant nutritional formulas are well known in the art and commercially available (e.g., Similac®, Ensure®, Jevity® and Alimentum® from Ross Products Division, Abbott Laboratories). An oil or acid of the
30 present invention can be added to any of these formulas in the amounts described below.

The energy density of the nutritional composition when in liquid form, can typically range from about 0.6 to 3.0 Kcal per ml. When in solid or powdered form, the nutritional supplement can contain from about 1.2 to more than 9 Kcals per gm, preferably 3 to 7 Kcals per gm. In general, the osmolality of a liquid product should be less than 700 mOsm and more preferably less than 660 mOsm.

The nutritional formula would typically include vitamins and minerals, in addition to the PUFAs of the invention, in order to help the individual ingest the minimum daily requirements for these substances. In addition to the PUFAs listed above, it may also be desirable to supplement the nutritional composition with zinc, copper, and folic acid in addition to antioxidants. It is believed that these substances will also provide a boost to the stressed immune system and thus will provide further benefits to the individual. The presence of zinc, copper or folic acid is optional and is not required in order to gain the beneficial effects on immune suppression. Likewise a pharmaceutical composition can be supplemented with these same substances as well.

In a more preferred embodiment, the nutritional contains, in addition to the antioxidant system and the PUFA component, a source of carbohydrate wherein at least 5 weight % of said carbohydrate is an indigestible oligosaccharide. In yet a more preferred embodiment, the nutritional composition additionally contains protein, taurine and carnitine.

The PUFAs, or derivatives thereof, made by the disclosed method can be used as dietary substitutes, or supplements, particularly infant formulas, for patients undergoing intravenous feeding or for preventing or treating malnutrition. Typically, human breast milk has a fatty acid profile comprising from about 0.15 % to about 0.36 % as DHA, from about 0.03 % to about 0.13 % as EPA, from about 0.30 % to about 0.88 % as ARA, from about 0.22 % to about 0.67 % as DGLA, and from about 0.27 % to about 1.04 % as GLA. Additionally, the predominant triglyceride in human milk has been reported to be 1,3-di-oleoyl-2-palmitoyl, with 2-palmitoyl glycerides reported as better absorbed than 2-oleoyl or 2-lineoyl glycerides (USPN 4,876,107). Thus, fatty acids such as ARA, DGLA, GLA and/or EPA produced by the invention can be

used to alter the composition of infant formulas to better replicate the PUFA composition of human breast milk. In particular, an oil composition for use in a pharmacologic or food supplement, particularly a breast milk substitute or supplement, will preferably comprise one or more of ARA, DGLA and GLA.
5 More preferably the oil will comprise from about 0.3 to 30% ARA, from about 0.2 to 30% DGLA, and from about 0.2 to about 30% GLA.

In addition to the concentration, the ratios of ARA, DGLA and GLA can be adapted for a particular given end use. When formulated as a breast milk supplement or substitute, an oil composition which contains two or more of
10 ARA, DGLA and GLA will be provided in a ratio of about 1:19:30 to about 6:1:0.2, respectively. For example, the breast milk of animals can vary in ratios of ARA:DGLA:DGL ranging from 1:19:30 to 6:1:0.2, which includes intermediate ratios which are preferably about 1:1:1, 1:2:1, 1:1:4. When produced together in a host cell, adjusting the rate and percent of conversion of
15 a precursor substrate such as GLA and DGLA to ARA can be used to precisely control the PUFA ratios. For example, a 5% to 10% conversion rate of DGLA to ARA can be used to produce an ARA to DGLA ratio of about 1:19, whereas a conversion rate of about 75% to 80% can be used to produce an ARA to
20 DGLA ratio of about 6:1. Therefore, whether in a cell culture system or in a host animal, regulating the timing, extent and specificity of desaturase expression as described can be used to modulate the PUFA levels and ratios. Depending on the expression system used, e.g., cell culture or an animal expressing oil(s) in its milk, the oils also can be isolated and recombined in the desired concentrations and ratios. Amounts of oils providing these ratios of
25 PUFA can be determined following standard protocols. PUFAs, or host cells containing them, also can be used as animal food supplements to alter an animal's tissue or milk fatty acid composition to one more desirable for human or animal consumption.

For dietary supplementation, the purified PUFAs, or derivatives thereof,
30 may be incorporated into cooking oils, fats or margarines formulated so that in normal use the recipient would receive the desired amount. The PUFAs may

also be incorporated into infant formulas, nutritional supplements or other food products, and may find use as anti-inflammatory or cholesterol lowering agents.

Pharmaceutical Compositions

5 The present invention also encompasses a pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more of the acids and/or resulting oils produced in accordance with the methods described herein. More specifically, such a pharmaceutical composition may comprise one or more of the acids and/or oils as well as a standard, well-known, non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant or vehicle such as, for example, phosphate buffered saline,
10 water, ethanol, polyols, vegetable oils, a wetting agent or an emulsion such as a water/oil emulsion. The composition may be in either a liquid or solid form. For example, the composition may be in the form of a tablet, capsule, ingestible liquid or powder, injectible, or topical ointment or cream.

15 Possible routes of administration include, for example, oral, rectal and parenteral. The route of administration will, of course, depend upon the desired effect. For example, if the composition is being utilized to treat rough, dry, or aging skin, to treat injured or burned skin, or to treat skin or hair affected by a disease or condition, it may perhaps be applied topically.

20 The dosage of the composition to be administered to the patient may be determined by one of ordinary skill in the art and depends upon various factors such as weight of the patient, age of the patient, immune status of the patient, etc.

25 With respect to form, the composition may be, for example, a solution, a dispersion, a suspension, an emulsion or a sterile powder which is then reconstituted.

 Additionally, the composition of the present invention may be utilized for cosmetic purposes. It may be added to pre-existing cosmetic compositions such that a mixture is formed or may be used as a sole composition.

Pharmaceutical compositions may be utilized to administer the PUFA component to an individual. Suitable pharmaceutical compositions may comprise physiologically acceptable sterile aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or emulsions and sterile powders for reconstitution into sterile solutions or dispersions for ingestion. Examples of suitable aqueous and non-aqueous carriers, diluents, solvents or vehicles include water, ethanol, polyols (propyleneglycol, polyethyleneglycol, glycerol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils (such as olive oil) and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions and by the use of surfactants. It may also be desirable to include isotonic agents, for example sugars, sodium chloride and the like. Besides such inert diluents, the composition can also include adjuvants, such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents.

Suspensions, in addition to the active compounds, may contain suspending agents, as for example, ethoxylated isostearyl alcohols, polyoxyethylene sorbitol and sorbitan esters, microcrystalline cellulose, aluminum metahydroxide, bentonite, agar-agar and tragacanth or mixtures of these substances, and the like.

Solid dosage forms such as tablets and capsules can be prepared using techniques well known in the art. For example, PUFAs of the invention can be tableted with conventional tablet bases such as lactose, sucrose, and cornstarch in combination with binders such as acacia, cornstarch or gelatin, disintegrating agents such as potato starch or alginic acid and a lubricant such as stearic acid or magnesium stearate. Capsules can be prepared by incorporating these excipients into a gelatin capsule along with the antioxidants and the PUFA component. The amount of the antioxidants and PUFA component that should be incorporated into the pharmaceutical formulation should fit within the guidelines discussed above.

As used in this application, the term "treat" refers to either preventing, or reducing the incidence of, the undesired occurrence. For example, to treat immune suppression refers to either preventing the occurrence of this

suppression or reducing the amount of such suppression. The terms "patient" and "individual" are being used interchangeably and both refer to an animal. The term "animal" as used in this application refers to any warm-blooded mammal including, but not limited to, dogs, humans, monkeys, and apes. As
5 used in the application the term "about" refers to an amount varying from the stated range or number by a reasonable amount depending upon the context of use. Any numerical number or range specified in the specification should be considered to be modified by the term about.

"Dose" and "serving" are used interchangeably and refer to the amount
10 of the nutritional or pharmaceutical composition ingested by the patient in a single setting and designed to deliver effective amounts of the antioxidants and the structured triglyceride. As will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, a single dose or serving of the liquid nutritional powder should supply the amount of antioxidants and PUFAs discussed above. The amount of the dose or
15 serving should be a volume that a typical adult can consume in one sitting. This amount can vary widely depending upon the age, weight, sex or medical condition of the patient. However as a general guideline, a single serving or dose of a liquid nutritional produce should be considered as encompassing a volume from 100 to 600 ml, more preferably from 125 to 500 ml and most
20 preferably from 125 to 300 ml.

The PUFAs of the present invention may also be added to food even when supplementation of the diet is not required. For example, the composition may be added to food of any type including but not limited to margarines, modified butters, cheeses, milk, yogurt, chocolate, candy, snacks, salad oils,
25 cooking oils, cooking fats, meats, fish and beverages.

Pharmaceutical Applications

For pharmaceutical use (human or veterinary), the compositions are generally administered orally but can be administered by any route by which they may be successfully absorbed, e.g., parenterally (i.e. subcutaneously,
30 intramuscularly or intravenously), rectally or vaginally or topically, for example, as a skin ointment or lotion. The PUFAs of the present invention may

be administered alone or in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient. Where available, gelatin capsules are the preferred form of oral administration. Dietary supplementation as set forth above also can provide an oral route of administration. The unsaturated acids of the present invention may be administered in conjugated forms, or as salts, esters, amides or prodrugs of the fatty acids. Any pharmaceutically acceptable salt is encompassed by the present invention; especially preferred are the sodium, potassium or lithium salts. Also encompassed are the N-alkylpolyhydroxamine salts, such as N-methyl glucamine, found in PCT publication WO 96/33155.

The preferred esters are the ethyl esters. As solid salts, the PUFAs also can be administered in tablet form. For intravenous administration, the PUFAs or derivatives thereof may be incorporated into commercial formulations such as Intralipids. The typical normal adult plasma fatty acid profile comprises 6.64 to 9.46% of ARA, 1.45 to 3.11% of DGLA, and 0.02 to 0.08% of GLA. These PUFAs or their metabolic precursors can be administered, either alone or in mixtures with other PUFAs, to achieve a normal fatty acid profile in a patient. Where desired, the individual components of formulations may be individually provided in kit form, for single or multiple use. A typical dosage of a particular fatty acid is from 0.1 mg to 20 g, or even 100 g daily, and is preferably from 10 mg to 1, 2, 5 or 10 g daily as required, or molar equivalent amounts of derivative forms thereof. Parenteral nutrition compositions comprising from about 2 to about 30 weight percent fatty acids calculated as triglycerides are encompassed by the present invention; preferred is a composition having from about 1 to about 25 weight percent of the total PUFA composition as GLA (USPN 5,196,198). Other vitamins, and particularly fat-soluble vitamins such as vitamin A, D, E and L-carnitine can optionally be included. Where desired, a preservative such as α tocopherol may be added, typically at about 0.1% by weight.

Suitable pharmaceutical compositions may comprise physiologically acceptable sterile aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or emulsions and sterile powders for reconstitution into sterile injectible solutions or dispersions. Examples of suitable aqueous and non-aqueous carriers,

diluents, solvents or vehicles include water, ethanol, polyols (propyleneglyol, polyethyleneglycol, glycerol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils (such as olive oil) and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions and by the use of surfactants. It may also be desirable to include isotonic agents, for example sugars, sodium chloride and the like. Besides such inert diluents, the composition can also include adjuvants, such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents.

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An especially preferred pharmaceutical composition contains diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides dissolved in an aqueous medium or solvent. Diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides have an HLB value of about 9-12 and are significantly more hydrophilic than existing antimicrobial lipids that have HLB values of 2-4. Those existing hydrophobic lipids cannot be formulated into aqueous compositions. As disclosed herein, those lipids can now be solubilized into aqueous media in combination with diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides. In accordance with this embodiment, diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides (e.g., DATEM-C12:0) is melted with other active antimicrobial lipids (e.g., 18:2 and 12:0 monoglycerides) and mixed to obtain a homogeneous mixture. Homogeneity allows for increased antimicrobial activity. The mixture can be completely dispersed in water. This is not possible without the addition of diacetyltartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides and premixing with other monoglycerides prior to introduction into water. The aqueous composition can then be admixed under sterile conditions with physiologically acceptable diluents, preservatives, buffers or propellants as may be required to form a spray or inhalant.

The present invention also encompasses the treatment of numerous disorders with fatty acids. Supplementation with PUFAs of the present invention can be used to treat restenosis after angioplasty. Symptoms of inflammation, rheumatoid arthritis, and asthma and psoriasis can be treated with the PUFAs of the present invention. Evidence indicates that PUFAs may be involved in calcium metabolism, suggesting that PUFAs of the present invention may be used in the treatment or prevention of osteoporosis and of kidney or urinary tract stones.

The PUFAs of the present invention can be used in the treatment of cancer. Malignant cells have been shown to have altered fatty acid compositions; addition of fatty acids has been shown to slow their growth and cause cell death, and to increase their susceptibility to chemotherapeutic agents. GLA has been shown to cause reexpression on cancer cells of the E-cadherin cellular adhesion molecules, loss of which is associated with aggressive metastasis. Clinical testing of intravenous administration of the water soluble lithium salt of GLA to pancreatic cancer patients produced statistically significant increases in their survival. PUFA supplementation may also be useful for treating cachexia associated with cancer.

The PUFAs of the present invention can also be used to treat diabetes (USPN 4,826,877; Horrobin *et al.*, Am. J. Clin. Nutr. Vol. 57 (Suppl.), 732S-737S). Altered fatty acid metabolism and composition has been demonstrated in diabetic animals. These alterations have been suggested to be involved in some of the long-term complications resulting from diabetes, including retinopathy, neuropathy, nephropathy and reproductive system damage. Primrose oil, which contains GLA, has been shown to prevent and reverse diabetic nerve damage.

The PUFAs of the present invention can be used to treat eczema, reduce blood pressure and improve math scores. Essential fatty acid deficiency has been suggested as being involved in eczema, and studies have shown beneficial effects on eczema from treatment with GLA. GLA has also been shown to reduce increases in blood pressure associated with stress, and to improve performance on arithmetic tests. GLA and DGLA have been shown to inhibit

platelet aggregation; cause vasodilation, lower cholesterol levels and inhibit proliferation of vessel wall smooth muscle and fibrous tissue (Brenner *et al.*, Adv. Exp. Med. Biol. Vol. 83, p. 85-101, 1976). Administration of GLA or DGLA, alone or in combination with EPA, has been shown to reduce or prevent gastro-intestinal bleeding and other side effects caused by non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (USPN 4,666,701). GLA and DGLA have also been shown to prevent or treat endometriosis and premenstrual syndrome (USPN 4,758,592) and to treat myalgic encephalomyelitis and chronic fatigue after viral infections (USPN 5,116,871).

Further uses of the PUFAs of this invention include use in treatment of AIDS, multiple sclerosis, acute respiratory syndrome, hypertension and inflammatory skin disorders. The PUFAs of the inventions also can be used for formulas for general health as well as for geriatric treatments.

Veterinary Applications

It should be noted that the above-described pharmaceutical and nutritional compositions may be utilized in connection with animals, as well as humans, as animals experience many of the same needs and conditions as human. For example, the oil or acids of the present invention may be utilized in animal feed supplements.

The following examples are presented by way of illustration, not of limitation.

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Example 1

Construction of a cDNA Library from *Mortierella alpina*

Total RNA was isolated from a 3 day old PUFA-producing culture of *Mortierella alpina* using the protocol of Hoge *et al.* (1982) *Experimental*

20 *Mycology* 6:225-232. The RNA was used to prepare double-stranded cDNA using BRL's lambda-ZipLox system following the manufactures instructions. Several size fractions of the *M. alpina* cDNA were packaged separately to yield libraries with different average-sized inserts. A "full-length" library contains approximately 3×10^6 clones with an average insert size of 1.77 kb. The

25 "sequencing-grade" library contains approximately 6×10^5 clones with an average insert size of 1.1 kb.

Example 2

Isolation of a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase Nucleotide Sequence from *Mortierella Alpina*

5 A nucleic acid sequence from a partial cDNA clone, Ma524, encoding a $\Delta 6$ fatty acid desaturase from *Mortierella alpina* was obtained by random sequencing of clones from the *M. alpina* cDNA sequencing grade library described in Example 1. cDNA-containing plasmids were excised as follows:

Five μ l of phage were combined with 100 μ l of *E. coli* DH10B(ZIP) grown in ECLB plus 10 μ g/ml kanamycin, 0.2% maltose, and 10 mM $MgSO_4$ and incubated at 37 degrees for 15 minutes. 0.9 ml SOC was added and 100 μ l of the bacteria immediately plated on each of 10 ECLB + 50 μ g Pen plates. No 10 45 minute recovery time was needed. The plates were incubated overnight at 37°. Colonies were picked into ECLB + 50 μ g Pen media for overnight cultures to be used for making glycerol stocks and miniprep DNA. An aliquot of the culture used for the miniprep is stored as a glycerol stock. Plating on ECLB + 15 50 μ g Pen/ml resulted in more colonies and a greater proportion of colonies containing inserts than plating on 100 μ g/ml Pen.

Random colonies were picked and plasmid DNA purified using Qiagen miniprep kits. DNA sequence was obtained from the 5' end of the cDNA insert and compared to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) 20 nonredundant database using the BLASTX algorithm. Ma524 was identified as a putative desaturase based on DNA sequence homology to previously identified desaturases.

A full-length cDNA clone was isolated from the *M. alpina* full-length library and designed pCGN5532. The cDNA is contained as a 1617 bp insert in 25 the vector pZL1 (BRL) and, beginning with the first ATG, contains an open reading frame encoding 457 amino acids. The three conserved "histidine boxes" known to be conserved among membrane-bound deaturases (Okuley, et al. (1994) *The Plant Cell* 6:147-158) were found to be present at amino acid positions 172-176, 209-213, and 395-399 (see Figure 3). As with other

membrane-bound $\Delta 6$ -desaturases the final HXXHH histidine box motif was found to be QXXHH. The amino acid sequence of Ma524 was found to display significant homology to a portion of a *Caenorhabditis elegans* cosmid, WO6D2.4, a cytochrome b5/desaturase fusion protein from sunflower, and the
5 *Synechocystis* and *Spirulina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturases. In addition, Ma524 was shown to have homology to the borage $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amino sequence (PCT publication W) 96/21022). Ma524 thus appears to encode a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase that is related to the borage and algal $\Delta 6$ -desaturases. The peptide sequences are shown as SEQ ID NO:5 - SEQ ID NO:11.

10 The amino terminus of the encoded protein was found to exhibit significant homology to cytochrome b5 proteins. The *Mortierella* cDNA clone appears to represent a fusion between a cytochrome b5 and a fatty acid desaturase. Since cytochrome b5 is believed to function as the electron donor for membrane-bound desaturase enzymes, it is possible that the N-terminal
15 cytochrome b5 domain of this desaturase protein is involved in its function. This may be advantageous when expressing the desaturase in heterologous systems for PUFA production. However, it should be noted that, although the amino acid sequences of Ma524 and the borage $\Delta 6$ were found to contain regions of homology, the base compositions of the cDNAs were shown to be
20 significantly different. For example, the borage cDNA was shown to have an overall base composition of 60 % A/T, with some regions exceeding 70 %, while Ma524 was shown to have an average of 44 % A/T base composition, with no regions exceeding 60 %. This may have implications for expressing the cDNAs in microorganisms or animals which favor different base compositions.
25 It is known that poor expression of recombinant genes can occur when the host prefers a base composition different from that of the introduced gene. Mechanisms for such poor expression include decreased stability, cryptic splice sites, and/or translatability of the mRNA and the like.

Example 3

Identification of $\Delta 6$ -desaturases Homologous to the *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 6$ -desaturase

Nucleic acid sequences that encode putative $\Delta 6$ -desaturases were identified through a BLASTX search of the Expressed Sequence Tag ("EST") databases through NCBI using the Ma524 amino acid sequence. Several sequences showed significant homology. In particular, the deduced amino acid sequence of two *Arabidopsis thaliana* sequences, (accession numbers F13728 and T42806) showed homology to two different regions of the deduced amino acid sequence of Ma524. The following PCR primers were designed:
ATTS4723-FOR (complementary to F13728) SEQ ID NO:13
5' CUACUACUACUAGGAGTCCTCTACGGTGTTTTG and
T42806-REV (complementary to T42806) SEQ ID NO:14
5' CAUCAUCAUATGATGCTCAAGCTGAACTG. Five μ g of total RNA isolated from developing siliques of *Arabidopsis thaliana* was reverse transcribed using BRL Superscript RTase and the primer TSyn (5'-CCAAGCTTCTGCAGGAGCTCTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT-3') and is shown as SEQ ID NO:12. PCR was carried out in a 50 μ l volume containing: template derived from 25 ng total RNA, 2 pM each primer, 200 μ M each deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate, 60 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.5, 15 mM $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$, 2 mM MgCl_2 , 0.2 U Taq Polymerase. Thermocycler conditions were as follows: 94 degrees for 30 sec., 50 degrees for 30 sec., 72 degrees for 30 sec. PCR was continued for 35 cycles followed by an additional extension at 72 degrees for 7 minutes. PCR resulted in a fragment of approximately ~750 base pairs which was subcloned, named 12-5, and sequenced. Each end of this fragment was formed to correspond to the *Arabidopsis* ESTs from which the PCR primers were designed. The putative amino acid sequence of 12-5 was compared to that of Ma524, and ESTs from human (W28140), mouse (W53753), and *C. elegans* (R05219) (see Figure 4). Homology patterns with the *Mortierella* $\Delta 6$ - desaturase indicate that these sequences represent putative

desaturase polypeptides. Based on this experiment approach, it is likely that the full-length genes can be cloned using probes based on the EST sequences. Following the cloning, the genes can then be placed into expression vectors, expressed in host cells, and their specific $\Delta 6$ - or other desaturase activity can be determined as described below.

Example 4

Isolation of a $\Delta 12$ -desaturase Nucleotide Sequence from *Mortierella alpina*

Based on the fatty acids it accumulates, it seemed probable that *Mortierella alpina* has an $\omega 6$ type desaturase. The $\omega 6$ -desaturase is responsible for the production of linoleic acid (18:2) from oleic acid (18:1). Linoleic acid (18:2) is a substrate for a $\Delta 6$ -desaturase. This experiment was designed to determine if *Mortierella alpina* has a $\Delta 12$ -desaturase polypeptide, and if so, to identify the corresponding nucleotide sequence.

A random colony from the *M. alpina* sequencing grade library, Ma648, was sequenced and identified as a putative desaturase based on DNA sequence homology to previously identified desaturases, as described for Ma524 (*see* Example 2). The nucleotide sequence is shown in SEQ ID NO:13. The peptide sequence is shown in SEQ ID NO:4. The deduced amino acid sequence from the 5' end of the Ma648 cDNA displays significant homology to soybean microsomal $\omega 6$ ($\Delta 12$) desaturase (accession #L43921) as well as castor bean oleate 12-hydroxylase (accession #U22378). In addition, homology was observed when compared to a variety of other $\omega 6$ ($\Delta 12$) and $\omega 3$ ($\Delta 15$) fatty acid desaturase sequences.

Example 5

Expression of *M. alpina* Desaturase Clones in Baker's Yeast

Yeast Transformation

Lithium acetate transformation of yeast was performed according to standard protocols (*Methods in Enzymology*, Vol. 194, p. 186-187, 1991). Briefly, yeast were grown in YPD at 30°C. Cells were spun down, resuspended in TE, spun down again, resuspended in TE containing 100 mM lithium acetate, spun down again, and resuspended in TE/lithium acetate. The resuspended yeast were incubated at 30°C for 60 minutes with shaking. Carrier DNA was added, and the yeast were aliquoted into tubes. Transforming DNA was added, and the tubes were incubated for 30 min. at 30°C. PEG solution (35% (w/v) PEG 4000, 100 mM lithium acetate, TE pH7.5) was added followed by a 50 min. incubation at 30°C. A 5 min. heat shock at 42°C was performed, the cells were pelleted, washed with TE, pelleted again and resuspended in TE. The resuspended cells were then plated on selective media.

Desaturase Expression in Transformed Yeast

cDNA clones from *Mortierella alpina* were screened for desaturase activity in baker's yeast. A canola $\Delta 15$ -desaturase (obtained by PCR using 1st strand cDNA from *Brassica napus* cultivar 212/86 seeds using primers based on the published sequence (Arondel *et al. Science* 258:1353-1355)) was used as a positive control. The $\Delta 15$ -desaturase gene and the gene from cDNA clones Ma524 and Ma648 were put in the expression vector pYES2 (Invitrogen), resulting in plasmids pCGR-2, pCGR-5 and pCGR-7, respectively. These plasmids were transfected into *S. cerevisiae* yeast strain 334 and expressed after induction with galactose and in the presence of substrates that allowed detection of specific desaturase activity. The control strain was *S. cerevisiae* strain 334 containing the unaltered pYES2 vector. The substrates used, the products produced and the indicated desaturase activity were: DGLA (conversion to ARA would indicate $\Delta 5$ -desaturase activity), linoleic acid (conversion to GLA

would indicate $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity; conversion to ALA would indicate $\Delta 15$ -desaturase activity), oleic acid (an endogenous substrate made by *S. cerevisiae*, conversion to linoleic acid would indicate $\Delta 12$ -desaturase activity, which *S. cerevisiae* lacks), or ARA (conversion to EPA would indicate $\Delta 17$ -desaturase activity).

Cultures were grown for 48-52 hours at 15°C in the presence of a particular substrate. Lipid fractions were extracted for analysis as follows: Cells were pelleted by centrifugation, washed once with sterile ddH₂O, and repelleted. Pellets were vortexed with methanol; chloroform was added along with tritridecanoin (as an internal standard). The mixtures were incubated for at least one hour at room temperature or at 4°C overnight. The chloroform layer was extracted and filtered through a Whatman filter with one gram of anhydrous sodium sulfate to remove particulates and residual water. The organic solvents were evaporated at 40°C under a stream of nitrogen. The extracted lipids were then derivatized to fatty acid methyl esters (FAME) for gas chromatography analysis (GC) by adding 2 ml of 0.5 N potassium hydroxide in methanol to a closed tube. The samples were heated to 95°C to 100°C for 30 minutes and cooled to room temperature. Approximately 2 ml of 14 % boron trifluoride in methanol was added and the heating repeated. After the extracted lipid mixture cooled, 2 ml of water and 1 ml of hexane were added to extract the FAME for analysis by GC. The percent conversion was calculated by dividing the product produced by the sum of (the product produced and the substrate added) and then multiplying by 100. To calculate the oleic acid percent conversion, as no substrate was added, the total linoleic acid produced was divided by the sum of oleic acid and linoleic acid produced, then multiplying by 100. The desaturase activity results are provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1***M. alpina* Desaturase Expression in Baker's Yeast**

CLONE	ENZYME ACTIVITY	% CONVERSION OF SUBSTRATE
pCGR-2	$\Delta 6$	0 (18:2 to 18:3w6)
(canola $\Delta 15$ desaturase)	$\Delta 15$	16.3 (18:2 to 18:3w3)
	$\Delta 5$	2.0 (20:3 to 20:4w6)
	$\Delta 17$	2.8 (20:4 to 20:5w3)
	$\Delta 12$	1.8 (18:1 to 18:2w6)
pCGR-5	$\Delta 6$	6.0
(M. alpina Ma524)	$\Delta 15$	0
	$\Delta 5$	2.1
	$\Delta 17$	0
	$\Delta 12$	3.3
pCGR-7	$\Delta 6$	0
(M. alpina Ma648)	$\Delta 15$	3.8
	$\Delta 5$	2.2
	$\Delta 17$	0
	$\Delta 12$	63.4

5 The $\Delta 15$ -desaturase control clone exhibited 16.3% conversion of the
 substrate. The pCGR-5 clone expressing the Ma524 cDNA showed 6%
 conversion of the substrate to GLA, indicating that the gene encodes a $\Delta 6$ -
 desaturase. The pCGR-7 clone expressing the Ma648 cDNA converted 63.4%
 conversion of the substrate to LA, indicating that the gene encodes a $\Delta 12$ -
 desaturase. The background (non-specific conversion of substrate) was between
 10 0-3% in these cases. We also found substrate inhibition of the activity by using
 different concentrations of the substrate. When substrate was added to 100 μM ,
 the percent conversion to product dropped compared to when substrate was added
 to 25 μM (see below). Additionally, by varying the substrate concentration
 between 5 μM and 200 μM , conversion ratios were found to range between about

5% to about 75% greater. These data show that desaturases with different substrate specificities can be expressed in a heterologous system and used to produce poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acids.

Table 2 represents fatty acids of interest as a percent of the total lipid extracted from the yeast host *S. cerevisiae* 334 with the indicated plasmid. No glucose was present in the growth media. Affinity gas chromatography was used to separate the respective lipids. GC/MS was employed to verify the identity of the product(s). The expected product for the *B. napus* $\Delta 15$ -desaturase, α -linolenic acid, was detected when its substrate, linoleic acid, was added exogenously to the induced yeast culture. This finding demonstrates that yeast expression of a desaturase gene can produce functional enzyme and detectable amounts of product under the current growth conditions. Both exogenously added substrates were taken up by yeast, although slightly less of the longer chain PUFA, dihomo- γ -linolenic acid (20:3), was incorporated into yeast than linoleic acid (18:2) when either was added in free form to the induced yeast cultures. γ -linolenic acid was detected when linoleic acid was present during induction and expression of *S. cerevisiae* 334 (pCGR-5). The presence of this PUFA demonstrates $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity from pCGR-5 (MA524). Linoleic acid, identified in the extracted lipids from expression of *S. cerevisiae* 334 (pCGR-7), classifies the cDNA MA648 from *M. alpina* as the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase.

Table 2
Fatty Acid as a Percentage of Total Lipid Extracted from Yeast

Plasmid in Yeast (enzyme)	18:2 Incorporated	α -18:3 Produced	γ -18:3 Produced	20:3 Incorporated	20:4 Produced	18:1* Present	18:2 Produced
pYES2 (control)	66.9	0	0	58.4	0	4	0
pCGR-2 (Δ 15)	60.1	5.7	0	50.4	0	0.7	0
pCGR-5 (Δ 6)	62.4	0	4.0	49.9	0	2.4	0
pCGR-7 (Δ 12)	65.6	0	0	45.7	0	7.1	12.2

100 μ M substrate added

* 18:1 is an endogenous fatty acid in yeast

Key To Tables

18:1=oleic acid

18:2=linoleic acid

α -18:3= α -linolenic acid

γ -18:3= γ -linolenic acid

18:4=stearidonic acid

20:3=dihomo- γ -linolenic acid

20:4=arachidonic acid

Example 6

Optimization of Culture Conditions

Table 3A shows the effect of exogenous free fatty acid substrate concentration on yeast uptake and conversion to fatty acid product as a percentage of the total yeast lipid extracted. In all instances, low amounts of exogenous substrate (1-10 μ M) resulted in low fatty acid substrate uptake and product formation. Between 25 and 50 μ M concentration of free fatty acid in the growth and induction media gave the highest percentage of fatty acid product formed, while the 100 μ M concentration and subsequent high uptake into yeast appeared to decrease or inhibit the desaturase activity. The amount of fatty acid substrate for yeast expressing Δ 12-desaturase was similar under the same growth conditions, since the substrate, oleic acid, is an endogenous yeast fatty acid. The use of α -linolenic acid as an additional substrate for pCGR-5 (Δ 6) produced the expected product, stearidonic acid (Table 3A). The feedback inhibition of high fatty acid substrate concentration was well illustrated when the percent conversion rates of the respective fatty acid substrates to their respective products were compared in Table 3B. In all cases, 100 μ M substrate concentration in the growth media decreased the percent conversion to product. The uptake of α -linolenic was comparable to other PUFAs added in free form, while the Δ 6-desaturase percent conversion, 3.8-17.5%, to the product stearidonic acid was the lowest of all the substrates examined (Table 3B). The effect of media, such as YPD (rich media) versus minimal media with glucose on the conversion rate of Δ 12-desaturase was dramatic. Not only did the conversion rate for oleic to linoleic acid drop, (Table 3B) but the percent of linoleic acid formed also decreased by 11% when rich media was used for growth and induction of yeast desaturase Δ 12 expression (Table 3A). The effect of media composition was also evident when glucose was present in the growth media for Δ 6-desaturase, since the percent of substrate uptake was decreased at 25 μ M (Table 3A). However, the conversion rate remained the

same and percent product formed decreased for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase for in the presence of glucose.

Table 3A

5 **Effect of Added Substrate on the Percentage of Incorporated
Substrate and Product Formed in Yeast Extracts**

Plasmid in Yeast	pCGR-2 ($\Delta 15$)	PcGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-7 ($\Delta 12$)
Substrate/product	18:2 / α -18:3	18:2/ γ -18:3	α -18:3/18:4	18:1*/18:2
1 μ M sub.	ND	0.9/0.7	ND	ND
10 μ M sub.	ND	4.2/2.4	10.4/2.2	ND
25 μ M sub.	ND	11/3.7	18.2/2.7	ND
25 μ M ϕ sub.	36.6/7.20	25.1/10.30	ND	6.6/15.80
50 μ M sub.	53.1/6.50	ND	36.2/3	10.8/13 ⁺
100 μ M sub.	60.1/5.70	62.4/40	47.7/1.9	10/24.8

Table 3B

Effect of Substrate Concentration in Media on the Percent Conversion
of Fatty Acid Substrate to Product in Yeast Extracts

Plasmid in Yeast	pCGR-2 ($\Delta 15$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-7 ($\Delta 12$)
substrate \rightarrow product	18:2 \rightarrow α -18:3	18:2 \rightarrow γ 18:3	α -18:3 \rightarrow 18:4	18:1* \rightarrow 18:2
1 μ M sub.	ND	43.8	ND	ND
10 μ M sub.	ND	36.4	17.5	ND
25 μ M sub.	ND	25.2	12.9	ND
25 μ M \emptyset sub.	16.40	29.10	ND	70.50
50 μ M sub.	10.90	ND	7.7	54.6*
100 μ M sub.	8.70	60	3.8	71.3

\emptyset no glucose in media

* Yeast peptone broth (YPD)

* 18:1 is an endogenous yeast lipid

sub. is substrate concentration

ND (not done)

Table 4 shows the amount of fatty acid produced by a recombinant desaturase from induced yeast cultures when different amounts of free fatty acid substrate were used. Fatty acid weight was determined since the total amount of lipid varied dramatically when the growth conditions were changed, such as the presence of glucose in the yeast growth and induction media. To better determine the conditions when the recombinant desaturase would produce the most PUFA product, the quantity of individual fatty acids were examined. The absence of glucose dramatically reduced by three fold the amount of linoleic acid produced by recombinant $\Delta 12$ -desaturase. For the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase the amount of total yeast lipid was decreased by almost half in the absence of glucose. Conversely, the presence of glucose in the yeast growth media for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase drops the γ -linolenic acid produced by almost half, while the total amount of yeast lipid produced was not changed by the presence/absence of

glucose. This points to a possible role for glucose as a modulator of $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity.

Table 4

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Fatty Acid Produced in μg from Yeast Extracts

Plasmid in Yeast (enzyme)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-5 ($\Delta 6$)	pCGR-7 ($\Delta 12$)
product	Y-18:3	18:4	18:2*
1 μM sub.	1.9	ND	ND
10 μM sub.	5.3	4.4	ND
25 μM sub.	10.3	8.7	115.7
25 μM \diamond sub.	29.6	ND	39 \diamond

\diamond no glucose in media

sub. is substrate concentration

ND (not done)

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*18:1, the substrate, is an endogenous yeast lipid

Example 7**Distribution of PUFAs in Yeast Lipid Fractions**

Table 5 illustrates the uptake of free fatty acids and their new products formed in yeast lipids as distributed in the major lipid fractions. A total lipid
 15 extract was prepared as described above. The lipid extract was separated on TLC plates, and the fractions were identified by comparison to standards. The bands were collected by scraping, and internal standards were added. The fractions were then saponified and methylated as above, and subjected to gas chromatography. The gas chromatograph calculated the amount of fatty acid by
 20 comparison to a standard. The phospholipid fraction contained the highest amount of substrate and product PUFAs for $\Delta 6$ -desaturase activity. It would appear that the substrates are accessible in the phospholipid form to the desaturases.

Table 5

Fatty Acid Distribution in Various Yeast Lipid Fractions in μg

Fatty acid fraction	Phospholipid	Diglyceride	Free Fatty Acid	Triglyceride	Cholesterol Ester
SC (pCGR-5) substrate 18:2	166.6	6.2	15	18.2	15.6
SC (pCGR-5) product γ -18:3	61.7	1.6	4.2	5.9	1.2

SC = *S. cerevisiae* (plasmid)

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Example 8Further Culture Optimization and Coexpression of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases

This experiment was designed to evaluate the growth and induction conditions for optimal activities of desaturases in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. A *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain (SC334) capable of producing γ -linolenic acid (GLA) was developed, to assess the feasibility of production of PUFA in yeast. The genes for $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases from *M. alpina* were coexpressed in SC334. Expression of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase converted oleic acid (present in yeast) to linoleic acid. The linoleic acid was used as a substrate by the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase to produce GLA. The quantity of GLA produced ranged between 5-8% of the total fatty acids produced in SC334 cultures and the conversion rate of linoleic acid to γ -linolenic acid ranged between 30% to 50%. The induction temperature was optimized, and the effect of changing host strain and upstream promoter sequences on expression of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ (MA 524 and MA 648 respectively) desaturase genes was also determined.

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Plasmid Construction

The cloning of pCGR5 as well as pCGR7 has been discussed above. To construct pCGR9a and pCGR9b, the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were amplified using the following sets of primers. The primers pRDS1 and 3 had XhoI site and primers pRDS2 and 4 had XbaI site (indicated in bold). These primer sequences are presented as SEQ ID NO:15-18.

I. $\Delta 6$ -desaturase amplification primers

a. pRDS1 TAC CAA CTC GAG AAA ATG GCT GCT GCT CCC
AGT GTG AGG

10 b. pRDS2 AAC TGA TCT AGA TTA CTG CGC CTT ACC CAT
CTT GGA GGC

II. $\Delta 12$ -desaturase amplification primers

a. pRDS3 TAC CAA CTC GAG AAA ATG GCA CCT CCC
AAC ACT ATC GAT

15 b. pRDS4 AAC TGA TCT AGA TTA CTT CTT GAA AAA GAC
CAC GTC TCC

The pCGR5 and pCGR7 constructs were used as template DNA for amplification of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes, respectively. The amplified products were digested with XbaI and XhoI to create "sticky ends". The PCR amplified $\Delta 6$ -desaturase with XhoI-XbaI ends as cloned into pCGR7, which was also cut with XhoI-XbaI. This procedure placed the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase behind the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, under the control of an inducible promoter GAL1. This construct was designated pCGR9a. Similarly, to construct pCGR9b, the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase with XhoI-XbaI ends was cloned in the XhoI-XbaI sites of pCGR5. In pCGR9b the $\Delta 12$ -desaturase was behind the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene, away from the GAL promoter.

To construct pCGR10, the vector pRS425, which contains the constitutive Glyceraldehyde 3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase (GPD) promoter, was digested with BamHI and pCGR5 was digested with BamHI-XhoI to release the

$\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene. This $\Delta 6$ -desaturase fragment and BamHI cut pRS425 were filled using Klenow Polymerase to create blunt ends and ligated, resulting in pCGR10a and pCGR10b containing the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene in the sense and antisense orientation, respectively. To construct pCGR11 and pCGR12, the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were isolated from pCGR5 and pCGR7, respectively, using an EcoRI-XhoI double digest. The EcoRI-XhoI fragments of $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases were cloned into the pYX242 vector digested with EcoRI-XhoI. The pYX242 vector has the promoter of TPI (a yeast housekeeping gene), which allows constitutive expression.

10 Yeast Transformation and Expression

Different combinations of pCGR5, pCGR7, pCGR9a, pCGR9b, pCGR10a, pCGR11 and pCGR12 were introduced into various host strains of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Transformation was done using PEG/LiAc protocol (Methods in Enzymology Vol. 194 (1991): 186-187). Transformants were selected by plating on synthetic media lacking the appropriate amino acid. The pCGR5, pCGR7, pCGR9a and pCGR9b can be selected on media lacking uracil. The pCGR10, pCGR11 and pCGR12 constructs can be selected on media lacking leucine. Growth of cultures and fatty acid analysis was performed as in Example 5 above.

20 Production of GLA

Production of GLA requires the expression of two enzymes (the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturases), which are absent in yeast. To express these enzymes at optimum levels the following constructs or combinations of constructs, were introduced into various host strains:

- 25 1) pCGR9a/SC334
- 2) pCGR9b/SC334
- 3) pCGR10a and pCGR7/SC334
- 4) pCGR11 and pCGR7/SC334
- 5) pCGR12 and pCGR5/SC334

6) pCGR10a and pCGR7/DBY746

7) pCGR10a and pCGR7/DBY746

5 The pCGR9a construct has both the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes under the control of an inducible GAL promoter. The SC334 host cells transformed with this construct did not show any GLA accumulation in total fatty acids (Fig. 6A and B, lane 1). However, when the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were individually controlled by the GAL promoter, the control constructs were able to express $\Delta 6$ - and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase, as evidenced by the conversion of their respective substrates to products. The $\Delta 12$ -desaturase gene in pCGR9a was
10 expressed as evidenced by the conversion of 18:1 ω 9 to 18:2 ω 6 in pCGR9a/SC334, while the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene was not expressed/active, because the 18:2 ω 6 was not being converted to 18:3 ω 6 (Fig. 6A and B, lane 1).

The pCGR9b construct also had both the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes under the control of the GAL promoter but in an inverse order compared to
15 pCGR9a. In this case, very little GLA (<1%) was seen in pCGR9b/SC334 cultures. The expression of $\Delta 12$ -desaturase was also very low, as evidenced by the low percentage of 18:2 ω 6 in the total fatty acids (Fig. 6A and B, lane 1).

To test if expressing both enzymes under the control of independent promoters would increase GLA production, the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene was cloned
20 into the pRS425 vector. The construct of pCGR10a has the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase in the correct orientation, under control of constitutive GPD promoter. The pCGR10b has the $\Delta 6$ -desaturase gene in the inverse orientation, and serves as the negative control. The pCGR10a/SC334 cells produced significantly higher levels of GLA (5% of the total fatty acids, Fig. 6, lane 3), compared to pCGR9a. Both
25 the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ -desaturase genes were expressed at high level because the conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 was 65%, while the conversion of 18:2 ω 6 \rightarrow 18:3 ω 6 ($\Delta 6$ -desaturase) was 30% (Fig. 6, lane 3). As expected, the negative control pCGR10b/SC334 did not show any GLA.

To further optimize GLA production, the $\Delta 6$ and $\Delta 12$ genes were
30 introduced into the pYX242 vector, creating pCGR11 and pCGR12

respectively. The pYX242 vector allows for constitutive expression by the TP1 promoter (Alber, T. and Kawasaki, G. (1982). *J. Mol. & Appl. Genetics* 1: 419). The introduction of pCGR11 and pCGR7 in SC334 resulted in approximately 8% of GLA in total fatty acids of SC334. The rate of conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 and 18:2 ω 6 \rightarrow 18:3 ω 6 was approximately 50% and 44% respectively (Fig. 6A and B, lane 4). The presence of pCGR12 and pCGR5 in SC334 resulted in 6.6% GLA in total fatty acids with a conversion rate of approximately 50% for both 18:1 ω 9 to 18:2 ω 6 and 18:2 ω 6 to 18:3 ω 6, respectively (Fig. 6A and B, lane 5). Thus although the quantity of GLA in total fatty acids was higher in the pCGR11/pCGR7 combination of constructs, the conversion rates of substrate to product were better for the pCGR12/pCGR5 combination.

To determine if changing host strain would increase GLA production, pCGR10a and pCGR7 were introduced into the host strain BJ1995 and DBY746 (obtained from the Yeast Genetic Stock Centre, 1021 Donner Laboratory, Berkeley, CA 94720. The genotype of strain DBY746 is Mat α , his3- Δ 1, leu2-3, leu2-112, ura3-32, trp1-289, gal). The results are shown in Fig. 7. Changing host strain to BJ1995 did not improve the GLA production, because the quantity of GLA was only 1.31% of total fatty acids and the conversion rate of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 was approximately 17% in BJ1995. No GLA was observed in DBY746 and the conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 was very low (<1% in control) suggesting that a cofactor required for the expression of Δ 12-desaturase might be missing in DB746 (Fig. 7, lane 2).

To determine the effect of temperature on GLA production, SC334 cultures containing pCGR10a and pCGR7 were grown at 15°C and 30°C. Higher levels of GLA were found in cultures grown and induced at 15°C than those in cultures grown at 30°C (4.23% vs. 1.68%). This was due to a lower conversion rate of 18:2 ω 6 \rightarrow 18:3 ω 6 at 30°C (11.6% vs. 29% in 15°C) cultures, despite a higher conversion of 18:1 ω 9 \rightarrow 18:2 ω 6 (65% vs. 60% at 30°C (Fig. 8). These results suggest that Δ 12- and Δ 6-desaturases may have different optimal expression temperatures.

Of the various parameters examined in this study, temperature of growth, yeast host strain and media components had the most significant impact on the expression of desaturase, while timing of substrate addition and concentration of inducer did not significantly affect desaturase expression.

5 These data show that two DNAs encoding desaturases that can convert LA to GLA or oleic acid to LA can be isolated from *Mortierella alpina* and can be expressed, either individually or in combination, in a heterologous system and used to produce poly-unsaturated long chain fatty acids. Exemplified is the production of GLA from oleic acid by expression of $\Delta 12$ - and $\Delta 6$ -desaturases in
10 yeast.

Example 9

Identification of Homologues to *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ desaturases

A nucleic acid sequence that encodes a putative $\Delta 5$ desaturase was identified through a TBLASTN search of the expressed sequence tag databases
15 through NCBI using amino acids 100-446 of Ma29 as a query. The truncated portion of the Ma29 sequence was used to avoid picking up homologies based on the cytochrome b5 portion at the N-terminus of the desaturase. The deduced amino acid sequence of an est from *Dictyostelium discoideum* (accession # C25549) shows very significant homology to Ma29 and lesser, but still
20 significant homology to Ma524. The DNA sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:19. The amino acid sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:20.

Example 10

Identification of *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ homologues in other PUFA-producing organisms

25 To look for desaturases involved in PUFA production, a cDNA library was constructed from total RNA isolated from *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*. A plasmid-based cDNA library was constructed in pSPORT1 (GIBCO-BRL)

following manufacturer's instructions using a commercially available kit (GIBCO-BRL). Random cDNA clones were sequenced and nucleic acid sequences that encode putative $\Delta 5$ or $\Delta 6$ desaturases were identified through BLAST search of the databases and comparison to Ma29 and Ma524 sequences.

5 One clone was identified from the *Phaeodactylum* library with homology to Ma29 and Ma524; it is called 144-011-B12. The DNA sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:21. The amino acid sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:22.

Example 11

10 Identification of *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ homologues in other
PUFA-producing organisms

To look for desaturases involved in PUFA production, a cDNA library was constructed from total RNA isolated from *Schizochytrium* species. A plasmid-based cDNA library was constructed in pSPORT1 (GIBCO-BRL) following manufacturer's instructions using a commercially available kit (GIBCO-BRL). Random cDNA clones were sequenced and nucleic acid sequences that encode putative $\Delta 5$ or $\Delta 6$ desaturases were identified through BLAST search of the databases and comparison to Ma29 and Ma524 sequences.

20 One clone was identified from the *Schizochytrium* library with homology to Ma29 and Ma524; it is called 81-23-C7. This clone contains a ~1 kb insert. Partial sequence was obtained from each end of the clone using the universal forward and reverse sequencing primers. The DNA sequence from the forward primer is presented as SEQ ID NO:23. The peptide sequence is presented as SEQ ID NO:24. The DNA sequence from the reverse primer is presented as SEQ ID NO:25. The amino acid sequence from the reverse primer is presented as SEQ ID NO:26.

Example 12

Human Desaturase Gene Sequences

Human desaturase gene sequences potentially involved in long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis were isolated based on homology
5 between the human cDNA sequences and *Mortierella alpina* desaturase gene sequences. The three conserved "histidine boxes" known to be conserved among membrane-bound desaturases were found. As with some other membrane-bound desaturases the final HXXHH histidine box motif was found to be QXXHH. The amino acid sequence of the putative human desaturases
10 exhibited homology to *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$, $\Delta 6$, $\Delta 9$, and $\Delta 12$ desaturases.

The *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ desaturase and $\Delta 6$ desaturase cDNA sequences were used to search the LifeSeq database of Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Palo Alto, California 94304. The $\Delta 5$ desaturase sequence was divided into fragments; 1) amino acid no. 1-150, 2) amino acid no. 151-300, and 3) amino acid no. 301-
15 446. The $\Delta 6$ desaturase sequence was divided into three fragments; 1) amino acid no. 1-150, 2) amino acid no. 151-300, and 3) amino acid no. 301-457. These polypeptide fragments were searched against the database using the "tblastn" algorithm. This algorithm compares a protein query sequence against a nucleotide sequence database dynamically translated in all six reading frames
20 (both strands).

The polypeptide fragments 2 and 3 of *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ have homologies with the CloneID sequences as outlined in Table 6. The CloneID represents an individual sequence from the Incyte LifeSeq database. After the "tblastn" results have been reviewed, Clone Information was searched with the
25 default settings of Stringency of ≥ 50 , and Productscore ≤ 100 for different CloneID numbers. The Clone Information Results displayed the information including the ClusterID, CloneID, Library, HitID, Hit Description. When selected, the ClusterID number displayed the clone information of all the clones that belong in that ClusterID. The Assemble command assembles all of the
30 CloneID which comprise the ClusterID. The following default settings were

used for GCG (Genetics Computer Group, University of Wisconsin Biotechnology Center, Madison, Wisconsin 53705) Assembly:

	Word Size:	7
5	Minimum Overlap:	14
	Stringency:	0.8
	Minimum Identity:	14
	Maximum Gap:	10
	Gap Weight:	8
10	Length Weight:	2

GCG Assembly Results displayed the contigs generated on the basis of sequence information within the CloneID. A contig is an alignment of DNA sequences based on areas of homology among these sequences. A new
15 sequence (consensus sequence) was generated based on the aligned DNA sequences within a contig. The contig containing the CloneID was identified, and the ambiguous sites of the consensus sequence was edited based on the alignment of the CloneIDs (see SEQ ID NO:27 - SEQ ID NO:32) to generate the best possible sequence. The procedure was repeated for all six CloneID
20 listed in Table 6. This produced five unique contigs. The edited consensus sequences of the 5 contigs were imported into the Sequencher software program (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105). These consensus sequences were assembled. The contig 2511785 overlaps with contig 3506132, and this new contig was called 2535 (SEQ ID NO:33). The contigs from the
25 Sequencher program were copied into the Sequence Analysis software package of GCG.

Each contig was translated in all six reading frames into protein sequences. The *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ (MA29) and $\Delta 6$ (MA524) sequences were compared with each of the translated contigs using the FastA search (a Pearson

and Lipman search for similarity between a query sequence and a group of sequences of the same type (nucleic acid or protein)). Homology among these sequences suggest the open reading frames of each contig. The homology among the *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ to contigs 2535 and 3854933 were utilized to create the final contig called 253538a. Figure 13 is the FastA match of the final contig 253538a and MA29, and Figure 14 is the FastA match of the final contig 253538a and MA524. The DNA sequences for the various contigs are presented in SEQ ID NO:27 -SEQ ID NO:33 The various peptide sequences are shown in SEQ ID NO:34 - SEQ ID NO: 40.

Although the open reading frame was generated by merging the two contigs, the contig 2535 shows that there is a unique sequence in the beginning of this contig which does not match with the contig 3854933. Therefore, it is possible that these contigs were generated from independent desaturase like human genes.

The contig 253538a contains an open reading frame encoding 432 amino acids. It starts with Gln (CAG) and ends with the stop codon (TGA). The contig 253538a aligns with both *M. alpina* $\Delta 5$ and $\Delta 6$ sequences, suggesting that it could be either of the desaturases, as well as other known desaturases which share homology with each other. The individual contigs listed in Table 18, as well as the intermediate contig 2535 and the final contig 253538a can be utilized to isolate the complete genes for human desaturases.

Uses of the human desaturases

These human sequences can be express in yeast and plants utilizing the procedures described in the preceding examples. For expression in mammalian cells transgenic animals, these genes may provide superior codon bias.

In addition, these sequences can be used to isolate related desaturase genes from other organisms.

Table 6

Sections of the Desaturases	Clone ID from LifeSeq Database	Keyword
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151-300 $\Delta 5$	3808675	fatty acid desaturase
301-446 $\Delta 5$	354535	$\Delta 6$
151-300 $\Delta 6$	3448789	$\Delta 6$
151-300 $\Delta 6$	1362863	$\Delta 6$
151-300 $\Delta 6$	2394760	$\Delta 6$
301-457 $\Delta 6$	3350263	$\Delta 6$

Example 13

I. INFANT FORMULATIONS

A. Isomil® Soy Formula with Iron.

5 Usage: As a beverage for infants, children and adults with an allergy or sensitivity to cow's milk. A feeding for patients with disorders for which lactose should be avoided: lactase deficiency, lactose intolerance and galactosemia.

Features:

- 10 • Soy protein isolate to avoid symptoms of cow's-milk-protein allergy or sensitivity.
- Lactose-free formulation to avoid lactose-associated diarrhea.
- Low osmolality (240 mOsm/kg water) to reduce risk of osmotic diarrhea.
- 15 • Dual carbohydrates (corn syrup and sucrose) designed to enhance carbohydrate absorption and reduce the risk of exceeding the absorptive capacity of the damaged gut.
- 1.8 mg of Iron (as ferrous sulfate) per 100 Calories to help prevent iron deficiency.
- 20 • Recommended levels of vitamins and minerals.
- Vegetable oils to provide recommended levels of essential fatty acids.
- Milk-white color, milk-like consistency and pleasant aroma.

Ingredients: (Pareve, ©) 85% water, 4.9% corn syrup, 2.6% sugar
(sucrose), 2.1% soy oil, 1.9% soy protein isolate, 1.4% coconut oil, 0.15%
calcium citrate, 0.11 % calcium phosphate tribasic, potassium citrate, potassium
phosphate monobasic, potassium chloride, mono- and diglycerides, soy
5 lecithin, carrageenan, ascorbic acid, L-methionine, magnesium chloride,
potassium phosphate dibasic, sodium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, ferrous
sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, L-carnitine,
niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate,
thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic
10 acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium
selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

B. Isomil® DF Soy Formula For Diarrhea.

Usage: As a short-term feeding for the dietary management of diarrhea
in infants and toddlers.

15 Features:

- First infant formula to contain added dietary fiber from soy fiber specifically for diarrhea management.
- Clinically shown to reduce the duration of loose, watery stools during mild to severe diarrhea in infants.
- 20 • Nutritionally complete to meet the nutritional needs of the infant.
- Soy protein isolate with added L-methionine meets or exceeds an infant's requirement for all essential amino acids.
- Lactose-free formulation to avoid lactose-associated diarrhea.
- Low osmolality (240 mOsm/kg water) to reduce the risk of
25 osmotic diarrhea.
- Dual carbohydrates (corn syrup and sucrose) designed to enhance carbohydrate absorption and reduce the risk of exceeding the absorptive capacity of the damaged gut.

- Meets or exceeds the vitamin and mineral levels recommended by the Committee on Nutrition of the American Academy of Pediatrics and required by the Infant Formula Act.

- 1.8 mg of iron (as ferrous sulfate) per 100 Calories to help prevent iron deficiency.

- Vegetable oils to provide recommended levels of essential fatty acids.

Ingredients: (Pareve, ©) 86% water, 4.8% corn syrup, 2.5% sugar (sucrose), 2.1% soy oil, 2.0% soy protein isolate, 1.4% coconut oil, 0.77% soy fiber, 0.12% calcium citrate, 0.11 % calcium phosphate tribasic, 0.10% potassium citrate, potassium chloride, potassium phosphate monobasic, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, carrageenan, magnesium chloride, ascorbic acid, L-methionine, potassium phosphate dibasic, sodium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, L-carnitine, niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

C. Isomil® SF Sucrose-Free Soy Formula With Iron.

Usage: As a beverage for infants, children and adults with an allergy or sensitivity to cow's-milk protein or an intolerance to sucrose. A feeding for patients with disorders for which lactose and sucrose should be avoided.

Features:

- Soy protein isolate to avoid symptoms of cow's-milk-protein allergy or sensitivity.

- Lactose-free formulation to avoid lactose-associated diarrhea (carbohydrate source is Polycose® Glucose Polymers).

- Sucrose free for the patient who cannot tolerate sucrose.

- Low osmolality (180 mOsm/kg water) to reduce risk of osmotic diarrhea.
- 1.8 mg of iron (as ferrous sulfate) per 100 Calories to help prevent iron deficiency.
- 5 • Recommended levels of vitamins and minerals.
- Vegetable oils to provide recommended levels of essential fatty acids.
- Milk-white color, milk-like consistency and pleasant aroma.

Ingredients: (Pareve, ®) 75% water, 11.8% hydrolyzed cornstarch, 4.1%
 10 soy oil, 4.1% soy protein isolate, 2.8% coconut oil, 1.0% modified cornstarch,
 0.38% calcium phosphate tribasic, 0.17% potassium citrate, 0.13% potassium
 chloride, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, magnesium chloride, ascorbic
 acid, L-methionine, calcium carbonate, sodium chloride, choline chloride,
 carrageenan, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc
 15 sulfate, L-carnitine, niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin
 A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine
 hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone,
 biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

D. **Isomil® 20 Soy Formula With Iron Ready To Feed,**
 20 **20 Cal/fl oz.**

Usage: When a soy feeding is desired.

Ingredients: (Pareve, ®) 85% water, 4.9% corn syrup, 2.6% sugar
 (sucrose), 2.1% soy oil, 1.9% soy protein isolate, 1.4% coconut oil, 0.15%
 calcium citrate, 0.11% calcium phosphate tribasic, potassium citrate, potassium
 25 phosphate monobasic, potassium chloride, mono- and diglycerides, soy
 lecithin, carrageenan, ascorbic acid, L-methionine, magnesium chloride,
 potassium phosphate dibasic, sodium chloride, choline chloride, taurine, ferrous
 sulfate, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, L-carnitine,
 niacinamide, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate,
 30 thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic

acid, manganese sulfate, potassium iodide, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

E. Similac® Infant Formula

5 Usage: When an infant formula is needed: if the decision is made to discontinue breastfeeding before age 1 year, if a supplement to breastfeeding is needed or as a routine feeding if breastfeeding is not adopted.

Features:

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- Protein of appropriate quality and quantity for good growth; heat-denatured, which reduces the risk of milk-associated enteric blood loss.
 - Fat from a blend of vegetable oils (doubly homogenized), providing essential linoleic acid that is easily absorbed.
 - Carbohydrate as lactose in proportion similar to that of human milk.
 - 15 • Low renal solute load to minimize stress on developing organs.
 - Powder, Concentrated Liquid and Ready To Feed forms.

Ingredients: (®-D) Water, nonfat milk, lactose, soy oil, coconut oil, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, ascorbic acid, carrageenan, choline chloride, taurine, m-inositol, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, niacinamid, 20 ferrous sulfate, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

F. Similac® NeoCare Premature Infant Formula With Iron

25 Usage: For premature infants' special nutritional needs after hospital discharge. Similac NeoCare is a nutritionally complete formula developed to provide premature infants with extra calories, protein, vitamins and minerals needed to promote catch-up growth and support development.

Features:

- Reduces the need for caloric and vitamin supplementation. More calories (22 Cal/fl oz) than standard term formulas (20 Cal/fl oz).
- Highly absorbed fat blend, with medium-chain triglycerides (MCT oil) to help meet the special digestive needs of premature infants.
- 5 • Higher levels of protein, vitamins and minerals per 100 Calories to extend the nutritional support initiated in-hospital.
- More calcium and phosphorus for improved bone mineralization.

Ingredients: ©-D Corn syrup solids, nonfat milk, lactose, whey protein concentrate, soy oil, high-oleic safflower oil, fractionated coconut oil (medium-chain triglycerides), coconut oil, potassium citrate, calcium phosphate tribasic, calcium carbonate, ascorbic acid, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride, sodium chloride, taurine, ferrous sulfate, m-inositol, choline chloride, ascorbyl palmitate, L-carnitine, alpha-tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, niacinamide, mixed tocopherols, sodium citrate, calcium pantothenate, cupric sulfate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, vitamin A palmitate, beta carotene, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, manganese sulfate, phylloquinone, biotin, sodium selenite, vitamin D₃ and cyanocobalamin.

G. Similac Natural Care Low-Iron Human Milk Fortifier Ready To Use, 24 Cal/fl oz.

20 Usage: Designed to be mixed with human milk or to be fed alternatively with human milk to low-birth-weight infants.

Ingredients: ©-D Water, nonfat milk, hydrolyzed cornstarch, lactose, fractionated coconut oil (medium-chain triglycerides), whey protein concentrate, soy oil, coconut oil, calcium phosphate tribasic, potassium citrate, magnesium chloride, sodium citrate, ascorbic acid, calcium carbonate, mono- and diglycerides, soy lecithin, carrageenan, choline chloride, m-inositol, taurine, niacinamide, L-carnitine, alpha tocopheryl acetate, zinc sulfate, potassium chloride, calcium pantothenate, ferrous sulfate, cupric sulfate, riboflavin, vitamin A palmitate, thiamine chloride hydrochloride, pyridoxine

hydrochloride, biotin, folic acid, manganese sulfate, phylloquinone, vitamin D₃, sodium selenite and cyanocobalamin.

Various PUFAs of this invention can be substituted and/or added to the infant formulae described above and to other infant formulae known to those in the art.

II. NUTRITIONAL FORMULATIONS

A. ENSURE®

Usage: ENSURE is a low-residue liquid food designed primarily as an oral nutritional supplement to be used with or between meals or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets. Although it is primarily an oral supplement, it can be fed by tube.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients on modified diets
- For elderly patients at nutrition risk
- For patients with involuntary weight loss
- For patients recovering from illness or surgery
- For patients who need a low-residue diet

Ingredients:

®-D Water, Sugar (Sucrose), Maltodextrin (Corn), Calcium and Sodium Caseinates, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Soy Protein Isolate, Soy Oil, Canola Oil, Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Sodium Citrate, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Phosphate Dibasic, Artificial Flavor, Sodium Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Carrageenan, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Gellan Gum, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Folic Acid, Sodium Molybdate, Chromium Chloride, Biotin, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate.

B. ENSURE® BARS

Usage: ENSURE BARS are complete, balanced nutrition for supplemental use between or with meals. They provide a delicious, nutrient-rich alternative to other snacks. ENSURE BARS contain <1 g lactose/bar, and, Chocolate Fudge Brownie flavor is gluten-free. (Honey Graham Crunch flavor contains gluten.)

Patient Conditions:

- For patients who need extra calories, protein, vitamins and minerals
- Especially useful for people who do not take in enough calories and nutrients
- For people who have the ability to chew and swallow
- Not to be used by anyone with a peanut allergy or any type of allergy to nuts.

Ingredients:

Honey Graham Crunch -- High-Fructose Corn Syrup, Soy Protein Isolate, Brown Sugar, Honey, Maltodextrin (Corn), Crisp Rice (Milled Rice, Sugar [Sucrose], Salt [Sodium Chloride] and Malt), Oat Bran, Partially Hydrogenated Cottonseed and Soy Oils, Soy Polysaccharide, Glycerine, Whey Protein Concentrate, Polydextrose, Fructose, Calcium Caseinate, Cocoa Powder, Artificial Flavors, Canola Oil, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Nonfat Dry Milk, Whey Powder, Soy Lecithin and Corn Oil. Manufactured in a facility that processes nuts.

Vitamins and Minerals:

Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Potassium Phosphate Dibasic, Magnesium Oxide, Salt (Sodium Chloride), Potassium Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Ferric Orthophosphate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Zinc Oxide, Calcium Pantothenate, Copper Gluconate, Manganese Sulfate, Riboflavin, Beta-Carotene, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Thiamine Mononitrate, Folic Acid, Biotin,

Chromium Chloride, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Sodium Molybdate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein:

5 **Honey Graham Crunch** - The protein source is a blend of soy protein isolate and milk proteins.

Soy protein isolate	74%
Milk proteins	26%

Fat:

10 **Honey Graham Crunch** - The fat source is a blend of partially hydrogenated cottonseed and soybean, canola, high oleic safflower, and corn oils, and soy lecithin.

	Partially hydrogenated cottonseed and soybean oil	76%
	Canola oil	8%
	High-oleic safflower oil	8%
15	Corn oil	4%
	Soy lecithin	4%

Carbohydrate:

20 **Honey Graham Crunch** - The carbohydrate source is a combination of high-fructose corn syrup, brown sugar, maltodextrin, honey, crisp rice, glycerine, soy polysaccharide, and oat bran.

	High-fructose corn syrup	24%
	Brown sugar	21%
	Maltodextrin	12%
	Honey	11%
25	Crisp rice	9%
	Glycerine	9%
	Soy polysaccharide	7%
	Oat bran	7%\

C. ENSURE® HIGH PROTEIN

Usage: ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN is a concentrated, high-protein liquid food designed for people who require additional calories, protein, vitamins, and minerals in their diets. It can be used as an oral nutritional supplement with or between meals or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use by people recovering from general surgery or hip fractures and by patients at risk for pressure ulcers.

Patient Conditions

- For patients who require additional calories, protein, vitamins, and minerals, such as patients recovering from general surgery or hip fractures, patients at risk for pressure ulcers, and patients on low-cholesterol diets

Features-

- Low in saturated fat
- Contains 6 g of total fat and < 5 mg of cholesterol per serving
- Rich, creamy taste
- Excellent source of protein, calcium, and other essential vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose-free, easily digested

Ingredients:

Vanilla Supreme: -D Water, Sugar (Sucrose), Maltodextrin (Corn), Calcium and Sodium Caseinates, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Soy Protein Isolate, Soy Oil, Canola Oil, Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Sodium Citrate, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Phosphate Dibasic, Artificial Flavor, Sodium Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Carrageenan, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Gellan Gum, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride,

Riboflavin, Folic Acid, Sodium Molybdate, Chromium Chloride, Biotin, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein:

5 The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins: casein and soy.

Sodium and calcium caseinates	85%
Soy protein isolate	15%

Fat:

10 The fat source is a blend of three oils: high-oleic safflower, canola, and soy.

High-oleic safflower oil	40%
Canola oil	30%
Soy oil	30%

15 The level of fat in ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN meets American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. The 6 grams of fat in ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN represent 24% of the total calories, with 2.6% of the fat being from saturated fatty acids and 7.9% from polyunsaturated fatty acids. These values are within the AHA guidelines of $\leq 30\%$ of total calories from fat, $< 10\%$ of the calories from saturated fatty acids, and $\leq 10\%$ of total calories from polyunsaturated fatty acids.

Carbohydrate:

25 ENSURE HIGH PROTEIN contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla supreme, chocolate royal, wild berry, and banana), plus VARI-FLAVORSO® Flavor Packs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

Sucrose	60%
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Maltodextrin	40%
Chocolate	
Sucrose	70%
Maltodextrin	30%

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D. ENSURE® LIGHT

Usage: ENSURE LIGHT is a low-fat liquid food designed for use as an oral nutritional supplement with or between meals. ENSURE LIGHT is lactose- and gluten-free, and is suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets.

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Patient Conditions:

- For normal-weight or overweight patients who need extra nutrition in a supplement that contains 50% less fat and 20% fewer calories than ENSURE
- For healthy adults who don't eat right and need extra nutrition

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Features:

- Low in fat and saturated fat
- Contains 3 g of total fat per serving and < 5 mg cholesterol
- Rich, creamy taste
- Excellent source of calcium and other essential vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose-free, easily digested

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Ingredients:

French Vanilla: ®-D Water, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sugar (Sucrose), Calcium Caseinate, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Canola Oil, Magnesium Chloride, Sodium Citrate, Potassium Citrate, Potassium Phosphate Dibasic, Magnesium Phosphate Dibasic, Natural and Artificial Flavor, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Cellulose Gel, Choline Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Carrageenan, Salt (Sodium Chloride),

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- Ascorbic Acid, Cellulose Gum, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Zinc Sulfate, Niacinamide, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Pantothenate, Cupric Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Vitamin A Palmitate, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Chromium Chloride, Folic Acid, Sodium Molybdate, Biotin, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein:

The protein source is calcium caseinate.

Calcium caseinate	100%
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10 Fat

The fat source is a blend of two oils: high-oleic safflower and canola.

High-oleic safflower oil	70%
Canola oil	30%

- The level of fat in ENSURE LIGHT meets American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. The 3 grams of fat in ENSURE LIGHT represent 13.5% of the total calories, with 1.4% of the fat being from saturated fatty acids and 2.6% from polyunsaturated fatty acids. These values are within the AHA guidelines of $\leq 30\%$ of total calories from fat, $< 10\%$ of the calories from saturated fatty acids, and $\leq 10\%$ of total calories from polyunsaturated fatty acids.

20 Carbohydrate

ENSURE LIGHT contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The chocolate flavor contains corn syrup as well. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (French vanilla, chocolate supreme, strawberry swirl), plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

Sucrose	51%
Maltodextrin	49%

Chocolate

Sucrose	47.0%
Corn Syrup	26.5%
Maltodextrin	26.5%

5 Vitamins and Minerals

An 8-fl-oz serving of ENSURE LIGHT provides at least 25% of the RDIs for 24 key vitamins and minerals.

Caffeine

Chocolate flavor contains 2.1 mg caffeine/8 fl oz.

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E. ENSURE PLUS®

Usage: ENSURE PLUS is a high-calorie, low-residue liquid food for use when extra calories and nutrients, but a normal concentration of protein, are needed. It is designed primarily as an oral nutritional supplement to be used with or between meals or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE PLUS is lactose- and gluten-free. Although it is primarily an oral nutritional supplement, it can be fed by tube.

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Patient Conditions:

- For patients who require extra calories and nutrients, but a normal concentration of protein, in a limited volume
- For patients who need to gain or maintain healthy weight

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Features

- Rich, creamy taste
- Good source of essential vitamins and minerals

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Ingredients

Vanilla: ©-D Water, Corn Syrup, Maltodextrin (Corn), Corn Oil, Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Sugar (Sucrose), Soy Protein Isolate, Magnesium Chloride,

Potassium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Soy Lecithin, Natural and Artificial Flavor, Sodium Citrate, Potassium Chloride, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Carrageenan, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Vitamin A Palmitate, Folic Acid, Biotin, Chromium Chloride, Sodium Molybdate, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Phylloquinone, Cyanocobalamin and Vitamin D₃.

Protein

10 The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins: casein and soy.

Sodium and calcium caseinates	84%
Soy protein isolate	16%

Fat

15 The fat source is corn oil.

Corn oil	100%
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Carbohydrate

ENSURE PLUS contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, coffee, buffer pecan, and eggnog), plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla, strawberry, butter pecan, and coffee flavors

25	Corn Syrup	39%
	Maltodextrin	38%
	Sucrose	23%

Chocolate and eggnog flavors

Corn Syrup	36%
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Maltodextrin 34%

Sucrose 30%

Vitamins and Minerals

5 An 8-fl-oz serving of ENSURE PLUS provides at least 15% of the RDIs for 25 key Vitamins and minerals.

Caffeine

Chocolate flavor contains 3.1 mg Caffeine/8 fl oz. Coffee flavor contains a trace amount of caffeine.

10 **F. ENSURE PLUS® HN**

Usage: ENSURE PLUS HN is a nutritionally complete high-calorie, high-nitrogen liquid food designed for people with higher calorie and protein needs or limited volume tolerance. It may be used for oral supplementation or for total nutritional support by tube. ENSURE PLUS HN is lactose- and gluten-
15 free.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients with increased calorie and protein needs, such as following surgery or injury
- For patients with limited volume tolerance and early satiety

20 **Features**

- For supplemental or total nutrition
- For oral or tube feeding
- 1.5 CaV/mL
- High nitrogen
- 25 • Calorically dense

Ingredients

Vanilla: D-Water, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sodium and Calcium Caseinates,
Corn Oil, Sugar (Sucrose), Soy Protein Isolate, Magnesium Chloride, Potassium
Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Soy Lecithin, Natural and Artificial
Flavor, Sodium Citrate, Choline Chloride, Ascorbic Acid, Taurine, L-Carnitine,
5 Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide,
Carrageenan, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Cupric Sulfate,
Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin,
Vitamin A Palmitate, Folic Acid, Biotin, Chromium Chloride, Sodium
Molybdate, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Phylloquinone,
10 Cyanocobalamin and Vitamin D₃.

G. ENSURE® POWDER

Usage: ENSURE POWDER (reconstituted with water) is a low-residue
liquid food designed primarily as an oral nutritional supplement to be used with
15 or between meals. ENSURE POWDER is lactose- and gluten-free, and is
suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients on modified diets
- For elderly patients at nutrition risk
- 20 • For patients recovering from illness/surgery
- For patients who need a low-residue diet

Features

- Convenient, easy to mix
- Low in saturated fat
- 25 • Contains 9 g of total fat and < 5 mg of cholesterol per serving
- High in vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose-free, easily digested

Ingredients: @-D Corn Syrup, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sugar (Sucrose), Corn Oil, Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Soy Protein Isolate, Artificial Flavor, Potassium Citrate, Magnesium Chloride, Sodium Citrate, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Potassium Chloride, Soy Lecithin, Ascorbic Acid, Choline Chloride, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Niacinamide, Calcium Pantothenate, Manganese Sulfate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Cupric Sulfate, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Vitamin A Palmitate, Folic Acid, Biotin, Sodium Molybdate, Chromium Chloride, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

10 Protein

The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins: casein and soy.

Sodium and calcium caseinates	84%
Soy protein isolate	16%

15 Fat

The fat source is corn oil.

Corn oil	100%
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Carbohydrate

ENSURE POWDER contains a combination of corn syrup, maltodextrin, and sucrose. The mild sweetness of ENSURE POWDER, plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Packs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, helps to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla

Corn Syrup	35%
Maltodextrin	35%
Sucrose	30%

H. ENSURE® PUDDING

Usage: ENSURE PUDDING is a nutrient-dense supplement providing balanced nutrition in a nonliquid form to be used with or between meals. It is appropriate for consistency-modified diets (e.g., soft, pureed, or full liquid) or for people with swallowing impairments. ENSURE PUDDING is gluten-free.

Patient Conditions:

- For patients on consistency-modified diets (e.g., soft, pureed, or full liquid)
- For patients with swallowing impairments

Features

- Rich and creamy, good taste
- Good source of essential vitamins and minerals Convenient-needs no refrigeration
- Gluten-free

Nutrient Profile per 5 oz: Calories 250, Protein 10.9%, Total Fat 34.9%, Carbohydrate 54.2%

Ingredients:

Vanilla: ©-D Nonfat Milk, Water, Sugar (Sucrose), Partially Hydrogenated Soybean Oil, Modified Food Starch, Magnesium Sulfate, Sodium Stearoyl Lactylate, Sodium Phosphate Dibasic, Artificial Flavor, Ascorbic Acid, Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Choline Chloride, Niacinamide, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Pantothenate, FD&C Yellow #5, Potassium Citrate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, FD&C Yellow #6, Folic Acid, Biotin, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D3 and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein

The protein source is nonfat milk.

Nonfat milk

100%

Fat

The fat source is hydrogenated soybean oil.

Hydrogenated soybean oil	100%
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Carbohydrate

- 5 ENSURE PUDDING contains a combination of sucrose and modified food starch. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla, chocolate, butterscotch, and tapioca) help prevent flavor fatigue. The product contains 9.2 grams of lactose per serving.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

10	Sucrose	56%
	Lactose	27%
	Modified food starch	17%

Chocolate

	Sucrose	58%
15	Lactose	26%
	Modified food starch	16%

I. ENSURE® WITH FIBER

- 20 Usage: ENSURE WITH FIBER is a fiber-containing, nutritionally complete liquid food designed for people who can benefit from increased dietary fiber and nutrients. ENSURE WITH FIBER is suitable for people who do not require a low-residue diet. It can be fed orally or by tube, and can be used as a nutritional supplement to a regular diet or, in appropriate amounts, as a meal replacement. ENSURE WITH FIBER is lactose- and gluten-free, and is
- 25 suitable for use in modified diets, including low-cholesterol diets.

Patient Conditions

- For patients who can benefit from increased dietary fiber and nutrients

Features

- New advanced formula-low in saturated fat, higher in vitamins and minerals
- Contains 6 g of total fat and < 5 mg of cholesterol per serving
- Rich, creamy taste
- 5 • Good source of fiber
- Excellent source of essential vitamins and minerals
- For low-cholesterol diets
- Lactose- and gluten-free

Ingredients

- 10 **Vanilla:** ®-D Water, Maltodextrin (Corn), Sugar (Sucrose), Sodium and Calcium Caseinates, Oat Fiber, High-Oleic Safflower Oil, Canola Oil, Soy Protein Isolate, Corn Oil, Soy Fiber, Calcium Phosphate Tribasic, Magnesium Chloride, Potassium Citrate, Cellulose Gel, Soy Lecithin, Potassium Phosphate Dibasic, Sodium Citrate, Natural and Artificial Flavors, Choline Chloride,
- 15 Magnesium Phosphate, Ascorbic Acid, Cellulose Gum, Potassium Chloride, Carrageenan, Ferrous Sulfate, Alpha-Tocopheryl Acetate, Zinc Sulfate, Niacinamide, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Pantothenate, Cupric Sulfate, Vitamin A Palmitate, Thiamine Chloride Hydrochloride, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin, Folic Acid, Chromium Chloride, Biotin, Sodium
- 20 Molybdate, Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenate, Phylloquinone, Vitamin D₃ and Cyanocobalamin.

Protein

The protein source is a blend of two high-biologic-value proteins- casein and soy.

25	Sodium and calcium caseinates	80%
	Soy protein isolate	20%

Fat

The fat source is a blend of three oils: high-oleic safflower, canola, and corn.

	High-oleic safflower oil	40%
5	Canola oil	40%
	Corn oil	20%

The level of fat in ENSURE WITH FIBER meets American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. The 6 grams of fat in ENSURE WITH FIBER represent 22% of the total calories, with 2.01 % of the fat being from saturated fatty acids and 6.7% from polyunsaturated fatty acids. These values are within the AHA guidelines of $\leq 30\%$ of total calories from fat, $< 10\%$ of the calories from saturated fatty acids, and $\leq 10\%$ of total calories from polyunsaturated fatty acids.

Carbohydrate

ENSURE WITH FIBER contains a combination of maltodextrin and sucrose. The mild sweetness and flavor variety (vanilla, chocolate, and butter pecan), plus VARI-FLAVORS® Flavor Pacs in pecan, cherry, strawberry, lemon, and orange, help to prevent flavor fatigue and aid in patient compliance.

Vanilla and other nonchocolate flavors

20	Maltodextrin	66%
	Sucrose	25%
	Oat Fiber	7%
	Soy Fiber	2%

Chocolate

25	Maltodextrin	55%
	Sucrose	36%
	Oat Fiber	7%

Soy Fiber

2%

Fiber

The fiber blend used in ENSURE WITH FIBER consists of oat fiber and soy polysaccharide. This blend results in approximately 4 grams of total dietary fiber per 8-fl-oz can. The ratio of insoluble to soluble fiber is 95:5.

The various nutritional supplements described above and known to others of skill in the art can be substituted and/or supplemented with the PUFAs of this invention.

J. Oxepa™ Nutritional Product

Oxepa is low-carbohydrate, calorically dense enteral nutritional product designed for the dietary management of patients with or at risk for ARDS. It has a unique combination of ingredients, including a patented oil blend containing eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA from fish oil), γ -linolenic acid (GLA from borage oil), and elevated antioxidant levels.

Caloric Distribution:

- Caloric density is high at 1.5 Cal/mL (355 Cal/8 fl oz), to minimize the volume required to meet energy needs.
- The distribution of Calories in Oxepa is shown in Table 7.

Table 7. Caloric Distribution of Oxepa			
	per 8 fl oz.	per liter	% of Cal
Calories	355	1,500	---
Fat (g)	22.2	93.7	55.2
Carbohydrate (g)	25	105.5	28.1
Protein (g)	14.8	62.5	16.7
Water (g)	186	785	---

Fat:

- Oxepa contains 22.2 g of fat per 8-fl oz serving (93.7 g/L).
- The fat source is a oil blend of 31.8% canola oil, 25% medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs), 20% borage oil, 20% fish oil, and 3.2 % soy lecithin. The typical fatty acid profile of Oxepa is shown in Table 8.

- Oxepa provides a balanced amount of polyunsaturated, monounsaturated, and saturated fatty acids, as shown in Table 10.
- Medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs) – 25% of the fat blend – aid gastric emptying because they are absorbed by the intestinal tract without emulsification by bile acids.

The various fatty acid components of Oxepa™ nutritional product can be substituted and/or supplemented with the PUFAs of this invention.

Table 8. Typical Fatty Acid Profile			
	% Total Fatty Acids	g/8 fl oz*	g/L*
Caproic (6:0)	0.2	0.04	0.18
Caprylic (8:0)	14.69	3.1	13.07
Capric (10:0)	11.06	2.33	9.87
Palmitic (16:0)	5.59	1.18	4.98
Palmitoleic (16:1n-7)	1.82	0.38	1.62
Stearic (18:0)	1.84	0.39	1.64
Oleic (18:1n-9)	24.44	5.16	21.75
Linoleic (18:2n-6)	16.28	3.44	14.49
α -Linolenic (18:3n-3)	3.47	0.73	3.09
γ -Linolenic (18:3n-6)	4.82	1.02	4.29
Eicosapentaenoic (20:5n-3)	5.11	1.08	4.55
n-3-Docosapentaenoic (22:5n-3)	0.55	0.12	0.49
Docosahexaenoic (22:6n-3)	2.27	0.48	2.02
Others	7.55	1.52	6.72

* Fatty acids equal approximately 95% of total fat.

Table 9. Fat Profile of Oxepa.	
% of total calories from fat	55.2
Polyunsaturated fatty acids	31.44 g/L
Monounsaturated fatty acids	25.53 g/L
Saturated fatty acids	32.38 g/L
n-6 to n-3 ratio	1.75:1
Cholesterol	9.49 mg/8 fl oz 40.1 mg/L

Carbohydrate:

- The carbohydrate content is 25.0 g per 8-fl-oz serving (105.5 g/L).
- The carbohydrate sources are 45% maltodextrin (a complex carbohydrate) and 55% sucrose (a simple sugar), both of which are readily digested and absorbed.
- The high-fat and low-carbohydrate content of Oxepa is designed to minimize carbon dioxide (CO₂) production. High CO₂ levels can complicate weaning in ventilator-dependent patients. The low level of carbohydrate also may be useful for those patients who have developed stress-induced hyperglycemia.
- Oxepa is lactose-free.

Dietary carbohydrate, the amino acids from protein, and the glycerol moiety of fats can be converted to glucose within the body. Throughout this process, the carbohydrate requirements of glucose-dependent tissues (such as the central nervous system and red blood cells) are met. However, a diet free of carbohydrates can lead to ketosis, excessive catabolism of tissue protein, and loss of fluid and electrolytes. These effects can be prevented by daily ingestion of 50 to 100 g of digestible carbohydrate, if caloric intake is adequate. The carbohydrate level in Oxepa is also sufficient to minimize gluconeogenesis, if energy needs are being met.

Protein:

- Oxepa contains 14.8 g of protein per 8-fl-oz serving (62.5 g/L).
- The total calorie/nitrogen ratio (150:1) meets the need of stressed patients.
- Oxepa provides enough protein to promote anabolism and the maintenance of lean body mass without precipitating respiratory problems. High protein intakes are a concern in patients with respiratory insufficiency. Although protein has little effect on CO₂ production, a high protein diet will increase ventilatory drive.

- The protein sources of Oxepa are 86.8% sodium caseinate and 13.2% calcium caseinate.
- As demonstrated in Table 11, the amino acid profile of the protein system in Oxepa meets or surpasses the standard for high quality protein set by the National Academy of Sciences.
- Oxepa is gluten-free.

10 All publications and patent applications mentioned in this specification are indicative of the level of skill of those skilled in the art to which this invention pertains. All publications and patent applications are herein incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each individual publication or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference.

15 The invention now being fully described, it will be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that many changes and modifications can be made thereto without departing from the spirit or scope of the appended claims.

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50 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 1617 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
55 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:1:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 457 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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 35 His Gln Val Phe Gln Asp Arg Phe Trp Gly Asp Leu Phe Gly Ala Phe
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:3:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 1488 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
30 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:3:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:4:

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 (A) LENGTH: 399 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 30 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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 50 Asp Leu Thr Trp Ala Ser Leu Leu Phe Leu Ala Ala Thr Gln Ile Asp
 65 70 75 80
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50 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 355 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

55 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

60 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

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5 Trp Gly Leu Ser Thr Val Ile Val Ala Lys Trp Gly Gln Thr Ser Thr
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 45 Ser Lys Glu Glu Ala Val Asp Met Asp Phe Phe Thr Lys Gln Ile Ile
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 Thr Gly Arg Asp Val His Pro Gly Leu Phe Ala Asn Trp Phe Thr Gly
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 50 Gly Leu Asn Tyr Gln Ile Glu His His Leu Phe Pro Ser Met Pro Arg
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 55 His Asn Phe Ser Lys Ile Gln Pro Ala Val Glu Thr Leu Cys Lys Lys
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 Tyr Asn Val Arg Tyr His Thr Thr Gly Met Ile Glu Gly Thr Ala Glu
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 60 Val Phe Ser Arg Leu Asn Glu Val Ser Lys Ala Ala Ser Lys Met Gly
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65 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 104 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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 Leu Tyr Gly Val Leu Ala Cys Pro Ser Val Xaa Pro His Gln Ile Ala
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 Ala Gly Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Trp Ile Gln Ser Ala Tyr Ile Gly Xaa
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 Asp Ser Gly His Tyr Val Ile Met Ser Asn Lys Ser Asn Asn Xaa Phe
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 Ala Gln Leu Leu Ser Gly Asn Cys Leu Thr Gly Ile Ile Ala Trp Trp
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 252 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

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 Gly His Asp Ser Gly His Tyr Val Ile Met Ser Asn Lys Ser Tyr Asn
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

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 (A) LENGTH: 125 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

40 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

45 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

Gly Xaa Xaa Asn Phe Ala Gly Ile Leu Val Phe Trp Thr Trp Phe Pro
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5 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 10 (A) LENGTH: 131 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

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 50 His His Leu Phe Pro Thr Met Pro Arg His Asn Tyr His Xaa Val Ala
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 50 (A) LENGTH: 87 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

55 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

60 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

65 Cys Ser Pro Lys Ser Ser Pro Thr Arg Asn Met Thr Pro Ser Pro Phe
 1 5 10 15
 Ile Asp Trp Leu Trp Gly Gly Leu Asn Tyr Gln Ile Glu His His Leu
 20 25 30

Phe Pro Thr Met Pro Arg Cys Asn Leu Asn Arg Cys Met Lys Tyr Val
 35 40 45
 5 Lys Glu Trp Cys Ala Glu Asn Asn Leu Pro Tyr Leu Val Asp Asp Tyr
 50 55 60
 Phe Val Gly Tyr Asn Leu Asn Leu Gln Gln Leu Lys Asn Met Ala Glu
 65 70 75 80
 10 Leu Val Gln Ala Lys Ala Ala
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 143 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 20 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

30 Arg His Glu Ala Ala Arg Gly Gly Thr Arg Leu Ala Tyr Met Leu Val
 1 5 10 15
 Cys Met Gln Trp Thr Asp Leu Leu Trp Ala Ala Ser Phe Tyr Ser Arg
 20 25 30
 35 Phe Phe Leu Ser Tyr Ser Pro Phe Tyr Gly Ala Thr Gly Thr Leu Leu
 35 40 45
 Leu Phe Val Ala Val Arg Val Leu Glu Ser His Trp Phe Val Trp Ile
 50 55 60
 40 Thr Gln Met Asn His Ile Pro Lys Glu Ile Gly His Glu Lys His Arg
 65 70 75 80
 Asp Trp Ala Ser Ser Gln Leu Ala Ala Thr Cys Asn Val Glu Pro Ser
 85 90 95
 Leu Phe Ile Asp Trp Phe Ser Gly His Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile Glu His
 100 105 110
 50 His Leu Phe Pro Thr Met Thr Arg His Asn Tyr Arg Xaa Val Ala Pro
 115 120 125
 Leu Val Lys Ala Phe Cys Ala Lys His Gly Leu His Tyr Glu Val
 130 135 140

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

60 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 35 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 65 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

5 CCAAGCTTCT GCAGGAGCTC TTTTTTTTTT TTTT 35

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

CUACUACUAC UAGGAGTCCT CTACGGTGTT TTG 33

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 33 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
30 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

40 CAUCAUAC AUATGATGCT CAAGCTGAAA CTG 33

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:15:

45 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

50 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

55 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:15:

TACCAACTCG AGAAAATGGC TGCTGCTCCC AGTGTGAGG 39

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:16:

60 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
65 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

5 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:16:
 AACTGATCTA GATTACTGCG CCTTACCCAT CTGGAGGC 39

10 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:
 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:17:
 25 TACCAACTCG AGAAAATGGC ACCTCCCAAC ACTATCGAT 39
 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:
 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 39 base pairs
 30 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:18:
 40 AACTGATCTA GATTACTTCT TGAAAAAGAC CACGTCTCC 39
 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:
 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 45 (A) LENGTH: 746 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 50 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:19:
 55 CGTATGTCAC TCCATTCCAA ACTCGTTCAT GGTATCATAA ATATCAACAC ATTTACGCTC 60
 CACTCCTCTA TGGTATTTAC AACTCCAAAT ATCGTACTCA AGATTGGGAA GCTTTTGTA 120
 AGGATGGTAA AAATGGTGCA ATTCGTGTTA GTGTCGCCAC AAATTTTCGAT AAGGCCGCTT 180
 ACGTCATTGG TAAATTGTCT TTTGTTTTCT TCCGTTTCAT CCTTCCACTC CGTTATCATA 240
 GCTTTACAGA TTTAATTTGT TATTTCTCTA TTGCTGAATT CGTCTTTGGT TGGTATCTCA 300
 CAATTAATTT CCAAGTTAGT CATGTCGCTG AAGATCTCAA ATTCTTTGCT ACCCCTGAAA 360
 60 GACCAGATGA ACCATCTCAA ATCAATGAAG ATTGGGCAAT CCTTCAACTT AAAACTACTC 420
 AAGATTATGG TCATGGTTCA CTCCTTTGTA CCTTTTTCAG TGGTTCCTTA AATCATCAAG 480
 TTGTTTCATCA TTTATTCCCA TCAATTGCTC AAGATTTCCTA CCCACAACCT GTACCAATTG 540
 TAAAAGAAGT TTGTAAAGAA CATAACATTA CTTACCACAT TAAACCAAAC TTCACTGAAG 600
 CTATTATGTC ACACATTAAAT TACCTTTACA AAATGGGTAA TGATCCAGAT TATGTTAAAA 660
 65 AACCATTAGC CTCAAAAGAT GATTAAATGA AATAACTTAA AAACCAATTA TTTACTTTTG 720

ACAAACAGTA ATATTAATAA ATACAA

746

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 227 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:20:

Tyr Val Thr Pro Phe Gln Thr Arg Ser Trp Tyr His Lys Tyr Gln
 1 5 10 15
 His Ile Tyr Ala Pro Leu Leu Tyr Gly Ile Tyr Thr Leu Lys Tyr
 20 25 30
 Arg Thr Gln Asp Trp Glu Ala Phe Val Lys Asp Gly Lys Asn Gly
 35 40 45
 Ala Ile Arg Val Ser Val Ala Thr Asn Phe Asp Lys Ala Ala Tyr
 50 55 60
 Val Ile Gly Lys Leu Ser Phe Val Phe Phe Arg Phe Ile Leu Pro
 25 65 70 75
 Leu Arg Tyr His Ser Phe Thr Asp Leu Ile Cys Tyr Phe Leu Ile
 80 85 90
 Ala Glu Phe Val Phe Gly Trp Tyr Leu Thr Ile Asn Phe Gln Val
 95 100 105
 Ser His Val Ala Glu Asp Leu Lys Phe Phe Ala Thr Pro Glu Arg
 110 115 120
 Pro Asp Glu Pro Ser Gln Ile Asn Glu Asp Trp Ala Ile Leu Gln
 125 130 135
 Leu Lys Thr Thr Gln Asp Tyr Gly His Gly Ser Leu Leu Cys Thr
 140 145 150
 Phe Phe Ser Gly Ser Leu Asn His Gln Val Val His His Leu Phe
 155 160 165
 Pro Ser Ile Ala Gln Asp Phe Tyr Pro Gln Leu Val Pro Ile Val
 170 175 180
 Lys Glu Val Cys Lys Glu His Asn Ile Thr Tyr His Ile Lys Pro
 185 190 195
 Asn Phe Thr Glu Ala Ile Met Ser His Ile Asn Tyr Leu Tyr Lys
 200 205 210
 Met Gly Asn Asp Pro Asp Tyr Val Lys Lys Pro Leu Ala Ser Lys
 215 220 225
 Asp Asp ***

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO 21:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 494 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:21:

TTTGGGAAGG NTCCAAGTTN ACCACGGANT NGGCAAGTTN ACGGGGCGGA AANCGGTTTT 60
 CCCCCCAAGC CTTTGTGCGA CTGGTCTGT GGTGGCTTCC AGTACCAAGT CGACCAACCAC 120
 TTATTCCCA GCCTGCCCG ACACAATCTG GCCAAGACAC ACGCACTGGT CGAATCGTTC 180
 TGCAAGGAGT GGGGTGTCCA GTACCACGAA GCCGACCTCG TGGACGGGAC CATGGAAGTC 240
 TTGCACCATT TGGGACGCGT GGCCGGCGAA TTCGTCGTGG ATTTTGTACG CGACGGACCC 300

GCCATGTAAT CGTCGTTTCGT GACGATGCAA GGGTTCACGC ACATCTACAC ACACTCACTC 360
 ACACAACTAG TGTAACCTCGT ATAGAATTTCG GTGTCGACCT GGACCTTGTT TGACTGGTTG 420
 GGGATAGGGT AGGTAGGCGG ACGCGTGGGT CGNCCCCGGG AATTCTGTGA CCGGTACCTG 480
 GCCCGCGTNA AAGT 494

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 87 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:22:

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Phe Trp Lys Xxx Pro Ser Xxx Pro Arg Xxx Xxx Gln Val Xxx Gly
 1 5 10 15
 Ala Glu Xxx Gly Phe Pro Pro Lys Pro Phe Val Asp Trp Phe Cys
 20 25 30
 Gly Gly Phe Gln Tyr Gln Val Asp His His Leu Phe Pro Ser Leu
 25 35 40 45
 Pro Arg His Asn Leu Ala Lys Thr His Ala Leu Val Glu Ser Phe
 50 55 60
 Cys Lys Glu Trp Gly Val Gln Tyr His Glu Ala Asp Leu Val Asp
 65 70 75
 Gly Thr Met Glu Val Leu His His Leu Gly Ser Val Ala Gly Glu
 30 65 70 75
 Phe Val Val Asp Phe Val Arg Asp Gly Pro Ala Met
 80 85

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 520 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:23:

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GGATGGAGTT CGTCTGGATC GCTGTGCGCT ACGCGACGTG GTTTAAGCGT CATGGGTGCG 60
 CTGGGTACA CGCCGGGGCA GTCGTTGGGC ATGTACTTGT GCGCCTTTGG TCTCGGCTGC 120
 ATTTACATT TTTGTCAGTT CGCCGTAAGT CACACCCATT TGCCCGTGAG CAACCCGGAG 180
 GATCAGCTGC ATTGGCTCGA GTACGCGCGG ACCACACTGT GAACATCAGC ACCAAGTCGT 240
 GGTTCGTAC ATGGTGGATG TCGAACCTCA ACTTTCAGAT CGAGCACCAC CTTTTCCTCA 300
 CGGCGCCCCA GTTCCGTTTC AAGGAGATCA GCCCGCGCGT CGAGGCCCTC TTCAAGOGCC 360
 ACGGTCTCCC TTAACACGAC ATGCCCTACA CGAGCGCCGT CTCCACCACC TTTGCCAACC 420
 TCTACTCGT CGGCCATTCC GTCGCGCAGC CCAAGCGCGA CTAGCCTCTT TTCCTAGACC 480
 TTAATTCCTC ACCCCACCCC ATGTTCTGTC TTCCTCCCGC 520

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 153 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:

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Met Glu Phe Val Trp Ile Ala Val Arg Tyr Ala Thr Trp Phe Lys
 1 5 10 15
 Arg His Gly Cys Ala Trp Val His Ala Gly Ala Val Val Gly His
 20 25 30
 15 Val Leu Val Arg Leu Trp Ser Arg Leu His Phe Ser Ala
 35 40 45
 Val Arg Arg Lys Ser His Pro Phe Ala Arg Glu Gln Pro Gly Gly
 50 55 60
 20 Ser Ala Ala Leu Ala Arg Val Arg Ala Asp His Thr Val Asn Ile
 65 70 75
 Ser Thr Lys Ser Trp Phe Val Thr Trp Trp Met Ser Asn Leu Asn
 80 85 90
 Phe Gln Ile Glu His His Leu Phe Pro Thr Ala Pro Gln Phe Arg
 95 100 105
 25 Phe Lys Glu Ile Ser Pro Arg Val Glu Ala Leu Phe Lys Arg His
 110 115 120
 Gly Leu Pro Tyr Tyr Asp Met Pro Tyr Thr Ser Ala Val Ser Thr
 125 130 135
 30 Thr Phe Ala Asn Leu Tyr Ser Val Gly His Ser Val Gly Asp Ala
 140 145 150
 Lys Arg Asp

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:25:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 420 nucleic acids
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: nucleic acid

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:25:

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ACGCGTCCGC CCACGCGTCC GCCGCGAGCA ACTCATCAAG GAAGGCTACT TTGACCCCTC 60
 GCTCCCGCAC ATGACGTACC GCGTGGTCCA GATTGTTGTT CTCTTCGTGC TTTCCTTTTG 120
 GCTGATGGGT CAGTCTTCAC CCTCGCGCT CGCTCTCGGC ATTGTCGTCA GCGGCATCTC 180
 TCAGGGTCCG TGCGGCTGGG TAATGCATGA GATGGGCCAT GGGTCGTTCA CTGGTGTCTC 240
 TTGGCTTGAC GACCGTTGT GCGAGTTCTT TTACGGCGTT GGTGTGGCA TGAGCGGTCA 300
 TTA CTGGA AACCAGCACA GCAAACACCA CGCAGCGCCA AACCGGCTCG AGCAGCATGT 360
 55 AGATCTCAAC ACCTTGCCAT TGGTGGCCTT CAACGAGCGC GTCGTGCGCA AGGTCGAC 420

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:26:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 125 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:26:

5 Arg Val Arg Pro Arg Val Arg Arg Glu Gln Leu Ile Lys Glu Gly
 1 5 10 15
 Tyr Phe Asp Pro Ser Leu Pro His Met Thr Tyr Arg Val Val Glu
 20 25 30
 10 Ile Val Val Leu Phe Val Leu Ser Phe Trp Leu Met Gly Gln Ser
 35 40 45
 Ser Pro Leu Ala Leu Ala Leu Gly Ile Val Val Ser Gly Ile Ser
 50 55 60
 Gln Gly Arg Cys Gly Trp Val Met His Glu Met Gly His Gly Ser
 65 70 75
 15 Phe Thr Gly Val Ile Trp Leu Asp Asp Arg Leu Cys Glu Phe Phe
 65 70 75
 Tyr Gly Val Gly Cys Gly Met Ser Gly His Tyr Trp Lys Asn Gln
 80 85 90
 20 His Ser Lys His His Ala Ala Pro Asn Arg Leu Glu His Asp Val
 95 100 105
 Asp Leu Asn Thr Leu Pro Leu Val Ala Phe Asn Glu Arg Val Val
 110 115 120
 Arg Lys Val Arg Pro
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 30 (A) LENGTH: 1219 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 2692004)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:27:

40 GCACGCCGAC CGGCGCCGGG AGATCCTGGC AAAGTATCCA GAGATAAAGT CCTTGATGAA 60
 ACCTGATCCC AATTGATAT GGATTATAAT TATGATGGTT CTCACCCAGT TGGGTGCATT 120
 45 TTACATAGTA AAAGACTTGG ACTGGAAATG GGTTCATATTT GGGGCCTATG CGTTTGGCAG 180
 TTGCATTAA CACTCAATGA CTCTGGCTAT TCATGAGATT GCCACAATG CTGCCTTTGG 240
 CAACTGCAAA GCAATGTGGA ATCGCTGGTT TGGAAATGTT GCTAATCTTC CTATTGGGAT 300
 50 TCCATATTC AATTCCTTTA AGAGGTATCA CATGGATCAT CATCGGTACC TTGGAGCTGA 360
 TGGCGTCGAT GTAGATATTC CTACCGATT TTAGGGCTGG TTCTTCTGTA CCGCTTTCAG 420
 55 AAAGTTTATA TGGGTATTC TTCAGCCTCT CTTTTATGCC TTTGACCTC TGTTTCATCAA 480
 CCCCAACCA ATTACGTATC TGAAGTTAT CAATACCGTG GCACAGGTCA CTTTGGACAT 540
 TTTAATTAT TACTTTTTGG GAATTAAATC CTTAGTCTAC ATGTTGGCAG CATCTTTACT 600
 60 TGGCCTGGGT TTGCACCCAA TTTCTGGACA TTTTATAGCT GAGCATTACA TGTTCTTAAA 660
 GGGTCATGAA ACTTACTCAT ATTATGGGCC TCTGAATTTA CTTACCTTCA ATGTGGGTAA 720
 65 TCATAATGAA CATCATGATT TCCCCAACAT TCCTGGAAAA AGTCTTCCAC TGGTGAGGAA 780
 AATAGCAGCT GAATACTATG ACAACCTCCC TCACTACAAT TCCTGGATAA AAGTACTGTA 840

5 TGATTTTGTG ATGGATGATA CAATAAGTCC CTAACAAGA ATGAAGAGGC ACCAAAAAGG 900
 AGAGATGGTG CTGGAGTAAA TATCATTAGT GCCAAAGGGA TTCTTCTCCA AAACTTTAGA 960
 TGATAAAATG GAATTTTGTG ATTATTAAAC TTGAGACCAG TGATGCTCAG AAGCTCCCT 1020
 GGCACAATTT CAGAGTAAGA GCTCGGTGAT ACCAAGAAGT GAATCTGGCT TTAAACAGT 1080
 10 CAGCCTGACT CTGTACTGCT CAGTTTCACT CACAGGAAAC TTGTGACTTG TGTATTATCG 1140
 TCATTGAGGA TGTTTCACTC ATGTCTGTCA TTTATAAGC ATATCATTTA AAAAGCTTCT 1200
 15 AAAAGCTAT TTCGCCAGG 1219

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:28:

20 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 655 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 25 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 2153526)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:28:

30 TTACCTTCTA CGTCCGCTTC TTCCTCACTT ATGTGCCACT ATTGGGGCTG AAAGCTTCTT 60
 GGGCCTTTTC TTCATAGTCA GGTTCCTGGA AAGCAACTGG TTTGTGTGGG TGACACAGAT 120
 35 GAACCATATT CCCATGCACA TTGATCATGA CCGGAACATG GACTGGGTTT CCACCCAGCT 180
 CCAGGCCACA TGCAATGTCC ACAAGTCTGC CTTCAATGAC TGGTTCAGTG GACACCTCAA 240
 CTTCCAGATT GAGCACCATC TTTTCCAC GATGCCTCGA CACAATTACC ACAAAGTGGC 300
 40 TCCCCTGGTG CAGTCCTTGT GTGCCAAGCA TGGCATAGAG TACCAGTCCA AGCCCTGCT 360
 GTCAGCCTTC GCCGACATCA TCCACTCACT AAAGGAGTCA GGGCAGCTCT GGCTAGATGC 420
 45 CTATCTTCAC CAATAACAAC AGCCACCCTG CCCAGTCTGG AAGAAGAGGA GGAAGACTCT 480
 GGAGCCAAGG CAGAGGGGAG CTTGAGGGAC AATGCCACTA TAGTTTAATA CTCAGAGGGG 540
 50 GTTGGGTTTG GGGACATAAA GCCTCTGACT CAACTCCTC CCTTTTATCT TCTAGCCACA 600
 GTTCTAAGAC CCAAAGTGGG GGTGGACAC AGAAGTCCCT AGGAGGGAAG GAGCT 655

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:29:

55 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 304 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 60 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 3506132)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:29:

65 GTCTTTTACT TTGGCAATGG CTGGATTCCT ACCCTCATCA CGGCCTTTGT CCTTGCTACC 60

5 TCTCAGGCCC AAGCTGGATG GCTGCAACAT GATTATGGCC ACCTGTCTGT CTACAGAAAA 120
 CCCAAGTGGA ACCACCTTGT CCACAAATTC GTCATTGGCC ACTTAAAGGG TGCCTCTGCC 180
 AACTGGTGGA ATCATCGCCA CTTCCAGCAC CAGCCAAGC CTAACATCTT CCACAAGGAT 240
 CCCGATGTGA ACATGCTGCA CGTGTGTGTT CTGGGCGAAT GGCAGCCCAT CGAGTACGGC 300
 10 AAGA 304

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:30:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 918 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 20 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 3854933)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:30:

25 CAGGGACCTA CCCC GCGCTA CTTCACTGG GACGAGGTGG CCCAGCGCTC AGGGTGCGAG 60
 GAGCGGTGGC TAGTGATCGA CCGTAAGGTG TACAACATCA GCGAGTTCAC CCGCCGGCAT 120
 30 CCAGGGGGCT CCCGGGTCAT CAGCCACTAC GCCGGGCAGG ATGCCACGGA TCCCTTTGTG 180
 GCCTTCACA TCAACAAGGG CCTTGTAAG AAGTATATGA ACTCTCTCCT GATTGGAGAA 240
 CTGTCTCCAG AGCAGCCCAG CTTTGAGCCC ACCAAGAATA AAGAGCTGAC AGATGAGTTC 300
 35 CGGGAGCTGC GGGCCACAGT GGAGCGGATG GGGCTCATGA AGGCCAACCA TGTCTTCTTC 360
 CTGCTGTACC TGCTGCACAT CTTGCTGCTG GATGGTGCAG CCTGGCTCAC CCTTTGGGTC 420
 TTTGGGACGT CCTTTTGGC CTTCTCCTC TGTGCGGTGC TGCTCAGTGC AGTTCAGGCC 480
 40 CAGGCTGGCT GGCTGCAGCA TGACTTTGGG CACCTGTCGG TCTTCAGCAC CTCAAAGTGG 540
 AACCATCTGC TACATCATTT TGTGATTGGC CACCTGAAGG GGGCCCCCGC CAGTTGGTGG 600
 45 AACCATGC ACTTCCAGCA CCATGCCAAG CCCAAGTCT TCCGCAAAGA CCCAGACATC 660
 AACATGCATC CCTTCTTCTT TGCCTTGGGG AAGATCCTCT CTGTGGAGCT TGGGAAACAG 720
 AAGAAAAAAT ATATGCCGTA CAACCACCAG CACARATACT TCTTCTAAT TGGGCCCCCA 780
 50 GCCTTGCTGC CTCTCTACTT CCAGTGGTAT ATTTTCTATT TGTTATCCA GCGAAAGAAG 840
 TGGGTGGACT TGGCCTGGAT CAGCAAACAG GAATACGATG AAGCCGGGCT TCCATTGTCC 900
 55 ACCGCAAATG CTTCTAAA 918

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:31:

60 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 1686 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 65 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 2511785)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:31:

5	GCCACTTAAA GGGTGCCTCT GCCAACTGGT GGAATCATCG CCACTTCCAG CACCACGCCA	60
	AGCCTAACAT CTTCCACAAG GATCCCGATG TGAACATGCT GCACGTGTTT GTTCTGGGCG	120
10	AATGGCAGCC CATCGAGTAC GGCAAGAAGA AGCTGAAATA CCTGCCCTAC AATCACCAGC	180
	ACGAATACTT CTTCTTGATT GGGCCGCCGC TGCTCATCCC CATGTATTTC CAGTACCAGA	240
	TCATCATGAC CATGATCGTC CATAAGAACT GGGTGGACCT GGCCTGGGCC GTCAGCTACT	300
15	ACATCCGGTT CTTTCATCACC TACATCCCTT TCTACGGCAT CCTGGGAGCC CTCCTTTTCC	360
	TCAACTTCAT CAGGTTCTCTG GAGAGCCACT GGTTTGTGTG GGTACACAG ATGAATCACA	420
20	TCGTCATGGA GATTGACCAG GAGGCCTACC GTGACTGGTT CAGTAGCCAG CTGACAGCCA	480
	CCTGCAACGT GGAGCAGTCC TTCTTCAACG ACTGGTTCAG TGGACACCTT AACTTCCAGA	540
	TTGAGCACCA CCTCTTCCCC ACCATGCCCC GGCACAACTT ACACAAGATC GCCCCGCTGG	600
25	TGAAGTCTCT ATGTGCCAAG CATGGCATTG AATACCAGGA GAAGCCGCTA CTGAGGGCCC	660
	TGCTGGACAT CATCAGGTCC CTGAAGAAGT CTGGGAAGCT GTGGCTGGAC GCCTACCTTC	720
30	ACAAATGAAG CCACAGCCCC CGGGACACCG TGGGAAGGG GTGCAGGTGG GGTGATGGCC	780
	AGAGGAATGA TGGGCTTTTG TTCTGAGGGG TGTCGAGAG GCTGGTGTAT GCACTGCTCA	840
	CGGACCCCAT GTTGATCTT TCTCCCTTTC TCCTCTCCTT TTTCTCTTCA CATCTCCCCC	900
35	ATAGCACCTT GCCCTCATGG GACCTGCCCT CCCTCAGCCG TCAGCCATCA GCCATGGCCC	960
	TCCAGTGCC TCCTAGCCCC TTCTTCCAAG GAGCAGAGAG GTGGCCACCG GGGGTGGCTC	1020
40	TGTCCTACCT CCACTCTCTG CCCCTAAAGA TGGGAGGAGA CCAGCGGTCC ATGGGTCTGG	1080
	CCTGTGAGTC TCCCCTTGCA GCCTGGTCAC TAGGCATCAC CCCCCTTTG GTTCTTCAGA	1140
	TGCTCTTGGG GTTCATAGGG GCAGGTCCTA GTCGGGCAGG GCCCCTGACC CTCCCGCCT	1200
45	GGCTTCACTC TCCCTGACGG CTGCCATTGG TCCACCCTTT CATAGAGAGG CCTGCTTTGT	1260
	TACAAAGCTC GGGTCTCCCT CCTGCAGCTC GGTTAAGTAC CCGAGGCCTC TCTTAAGATG	1320
50	TCCAGGGCCC CAGGCCCGCG GGCACAGCCA GCCCAAACCT TGGGCCCTGG AAGAGTCCTC	1380
	CACCCCATCA CTAGAGTGCT CTGACCCTGG GCTTTCACGG GCCCATTC ACCGCCTCCC	1440
	CAACTTGAGC CTGTGACCTT GGGACCAAAG GGGGAGTCCC TCGTCTCTTG TGA CTGAGCA	1500
55	GAGGCAGTGG CCACGTTTCTG GGAGGGGCGG GCTGGCCTGG AGGCTCAGCC CACCCTCCAG	1560
	CTTTCTCTCA GGGTGTCTCTG AGGTCCAAGA TTCTGGAGCA ATCTGACCCT TCTCCAAAGG	1620
60	CTCTGTTATC AGCTGGGCAG TGCCAGCCAA TCCCTGGCCA TTTGGCCCCA GGGGACGTGG	1680
	GCCCTG	1686

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:32:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1843 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Contig 2535)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:32:

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GTCTTTTACT TTGGCAATGG CTGGATTCTT ACCCTCATCA CGGCCTTTGT CCTTGCTACC 60

TCTCAGGCCC AAGCTGGATG GCTGCAACAT GATTATGGCC ACCTGTCTGT CTACAGAAAA 120

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CCCAAGTGGA ACCACCTTGT CCACAAATTC GTCATTGGCC ACTTAAAGGG TGCCTCTGCC 180

AACTGGTGGA ATCATCGCCA CTTCCAGCAC CACGCCAAGC CTAACATCTT CCACAAGGAT 240

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CCCGATGTGA ACATGCTGCA CGTGTCTTGT CTGGGCGAAT GGCAGCCCAT CGAGTACGGC 300

AAGAAGAAGC TGAAATACCT GCCCTACAAT CACCAGCACG AATACTTCTT CCTGATTGGG 360

CCGCCGCTGC TCATCCCCAT GTATTTCCAG TACCAGATCA TCATGACCAT GATCGTCCAT 420

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AAGAACTGGG TGGACCTGGC CTGGGCCGTC AGCTACTACA TCCGGTTCTT CATCACCTAC 480

ATCCCTTTCT ACGGCATCCT GGGAGCCCTC CTTTCTCTCA ACTTCATCAG GTTCCTGGAG 540

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AGCCACTGGT TTGTGTGGGT CACACAGATG AATCACATCG TCATGGAGAT TGACCAGGAG 600

GCCTACCGTG ACTGGTTCAG TAGCCAGCTG ACAGCCACCT GCAACGTGGA GCAGTCTTC 660

TTCAACGACT GGTTCAGTGG ACACCTTAAC TTCCAGATTG AGCACCACCT CTTCCCCACC 720

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ATGCCCCGGC ACAACTTACA CAAGATCGCC CCGCTGGTGA AGTCTCTATG TGCCAAGCAT 780

GGCATTGAAT ACCAGGAGAA GCCGCTACTG AGGGCCCTGC TGGACATCAT CAGGTCCCTG 840

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AAGAAGTCTG GGAAGCTGTG GCTGGACGCC TACCTTCACA AATGAAGCCA CAGCCCCGGG 900

GACACCGTGG GGAAGGGGTG CAGGTGGGGT GATGGCCAGA GGAATGATGG GCTTTTGTTC 960

TGAGGGGTGT CCGAGAGGCT GGTGTATGCA CTGCTCACGG ACCCATGTT GGATCTTTCT 1020

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CCCTTTCTCC TCTCCTTTT CTCTTCACAT CTCCTCCATA GCACCTGCC CTCATGGGAC 1080

CTGCCCTCCC TCAGCCGTCA GCCATCAGCC ATGGCCCTCC CAGTGCCTCC TAGCCCTTC 1140

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TTCCAAGGAG CAGAGAGGTG GCCACCGGGG GTGGCTCTGT CCTACCTCCA CTCTCTGCCC 1200

CTAAAGATGG GAGGAGACCA GCGGTCCATG GGTCTGGCCT GTGAGTCTCC CTTGTCAGCC 1260

TGGTCACTAG GCATCACCCC CGCTTTGGTT CTTGAGATGC TCTTGGGGTT CATAGGGGCA 1320

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GGTCCTAGTC GGGCAGGGCC CCTGACCCTC CCGGCCTGGC TTCCTCTCC CTGACGGCTG 1380

CCATTGGTCC ACCCTTTCAT AGAGAGGCCT GCTTTGTTAC AAAGCTCGGG TCTCCCTCCT 1440

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GCAGCTCGGT TAAGTACCGG AGGCCTCTCT TAAGATGTCC AGGGCCCCAG GCCCGGGG 1500

ACAGCCAGCC CAAACCTTGG GCCCTGGAAG AGTCTCCAC CCCATCACTA GAGTGTCTTG 1560

ACCCTGGGCT TTCACGGGCC CCATTCCACC GCCTCCCCAA CTTGAGCCTG TGACCTTGGG 1620

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ACCAAAGGGG GAGTCCCTCG TCTTTGTGA CTCAGCAGAG GCAGTGGCCA CGTTCAGGGA 1680

GGGGCCGGCT GGCCTGGAGG CTCAGCCCAC CCTCCAGCTT TTCCTCAGGG TGTCTGAGG 1740
 TCCAAGATTC TGGAGCAATC TGACCCTTCT CCAAAGGCTC TGTATCAGC TGGGCAGTGC 1800
 5 CAGCCAATCC CTGGCCATTT GGCCCCAGGG GACGTGGGCC CTG 1843

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:33:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 2257 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid (Edited Contig 253538a)
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:33:
 20 CAGGGACCTA CCCCGCGCTA CTTCACTGG GACGAGGTGG CCCAGCGCTC AGGGTGCGAG 60
 GAGCGGTGGC TAGTGATCGA CCGTAAGGTG TACAACATCA GCGAGTTCAC CCGCCGGCAT 120
 25 CCAGGGGGCT CCCGGGTCAT CAGCCACTAC GCCGGGCAGG ATGCCACGGA TCCTTTGTG 180
 GCCTTCACA TCAACAAGGG CCTTGTGAAG AAGTATATGA ACTCTCTCCT GATTGGAGAA 240
 CTGTCTCCAG AGCAGCCCAG CTTTGAGCCC ACCAAGAATA AAGAGCTGAC AGATGAGTTC 300
 30 CGGGAGCTGC GGGCCACAGT GGAGCGGATG GGGCTCATGA AGGCCAACCA TGTCTTCTTC 360
 CTGCTGTACC TGCTGCACAT CTTGCTGCTG GATGGTGCAG CCTGGCTCAC CCTTTGGGTC 420
 TTTGGGACGT CCTTTTGGCC CTTCTCTCTC TGTGCGGTGC TGCTCAGTGC AGTTCAGCAG 480
 35 GCCCAAGCTG GATGGCTGCA ACATGATTAT GGCCACCTGT CTGTCTACAG AAAACCCAAG 540
 TGGAACCACC TTGTCCACAA ATTCGTCATT GGCCACTTAA AGGGTGCCCTC TGCCAACCTGG 600
 40 TGGAATCATC GCCACTTCCA GCACCAGGCC AAGCCTAACA TCTTCCACAA GGATCCCGAT 660
 GTGAACATGC TGCACGTGTT TGTTCGGGC GAATGGCAGC CCATCGAGTA CGGCAAGAAG 720
 AAGCTGAAAT ACCTGCCCTA CAATCACCAG CACGAATACT TCTTCTGAT TGGGCCGCGG 780
 45 CTGCTCATCC CCATGTATT CCAGTACCAG ATCATCATGA CCATGATCGT CCATAAGAAC 840
 TGGGTGGACC TGGCCTGGGC CGTCAGCTAC TACATCCGGT TCTTCATCAC CTACATCCCT 900
 50 TTCTACGCA TCCTGGGAGC CCTCCTTTTC CTCAACTTCA TCAGGTTCTT GGAGAGCCAC 960
 TGGTTTGTGT GGGTCACACA GATGAATCAC ATCGTCATGG AGATTGACCA GGAGGCCTAC 1020
 CGTGACTGGT TCACTAGCCA GCTGACAGCC ACCTGCAACG TGGAGCAGTC CTTCTTCAAC 1080
 55 GACTGGTTCA GTGGACACCT TAACTTCCAG ATTGAGCACC ACCTCTTCCC CACCATGCCC 1140
 CGGCACAACT TACACAAGAT CGCCCCGCTG GTGAAGTCTC TATGTGCCAA GCATGGCATT 1200
 60 GAATACCAGG AGAAGCCGCT ACTGAGGGCC CTGCTGGACA TCATCAGGTC CCTGAAGAAG 1260
 TCTGGGAAGC TGTGGCTGGA CGCTACCTT CACAAATGAA GCCACAGCCC CCGGGACACC 1320
 65 GTGGGGAAGG GGTGCAGGTG GGGTGATGGC CAGAGGAATG ATGGGCTTTT GTTCTGAGGG 1380
 GTGTCCGAGA GGCTGGTGTA TGCATGCTC ACGGACCCCA TGTGGATCT TTCTCCCTTT 1440

CTCCTCTCCT TTTTCTCTTC ACATCTCCCC CATAGCACCC TGCCCTCATG GGACCTGCCC 1500
 5 TCCCTCAGCC GTCAGCCATC AGCCATGGCC CTCCCAGTGC CTCCTAGCCC CTTCTTCCAA 1560
 GGAGCAGAGA GGTGGCCACC GGGGGTGGCT CTGTCCTACC TCCACTCTCT GCCCCTAAAG 1620
 ATGGGAGGAG ACCAGCGGTC CATGGGTCTG GCCTGTGAGT CTCCCCTTGC AGCCTGGTCA 1680
 10 CTAGGCATCA CCCCCGCTTT GGTCTTTCAG ATGCTCTTGG GGTTCATAGG GGCAGGTCCT 1740
 AGTCGGGCAG GGCCCCTGAC CCTCCCGGCC TGGCTTCACT CTCCTGACG GCTGCCATTG 1800
 GTCCACCCTT TCATAGAGAG GCCTGCTTGT TTACAAAGCT CGGGTCTCCC TCCTGCAGCT 1860
 15 CGGTTAAGTA CCCGAGGCCT CTCTTAAGAT GTCCAGGGCC CCAGGCCCGC GGGCACAGCC 1920
 AGCCCAAACC TTGGGCCCTG GAAGAGTCCT CCACCCCATC ACTAGAGTGC TCTGACCCTG 1980
 20 GGCTTTCACG GGCCCCATTC CACCGCCTCC CCAACTTGAG CCTGTGACCT TGGGACCAAA 2040
 GGGGGAGTCC CTCGTCTCTT GTGACTCAGC AGAGGCAGTG GCCACGTTCA GGGAGGGGCC 2100
 GGCTGGCCTG GAGGCTCAGC CCACCCTCCA GCTTTTCCTC AGGGTGTCTT GAGGTCCAAG 2160
 25 ATTCTGGAGC AATCTGACCC TTCTCCAAAG GCTCTGTTAT CAGCTGGGCA GTGCCAGCCA 2220
 ATCCCTGGCC ATTTGGCCCC AGGGGACGTG GGCCCTG 2257

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:34:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 35 (A) LENGTH: 411 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2692004)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:34:

45 His Ala Asp Arg Arg Arg Glu Ile Leu Ala Lys Tyr Pro Glu Ile
 1 5 10 15
 Lys Ser Leu Met Lys Pro Asp Pro Asn Leu Ile Trp Ile Ile Ile
 20 25 30
 Met Met Val Leu Thr Gln Leu Gly Ala Phe Tyr Ile Val Lys Asp
 35 40 45
 50 Leu Asp Trp Lys Trp Val Ile Phe Gly Ala Tyr Ala Phe Gly Ser
 50 55 60
 Cys Ile Asn His Ser Met Thr Leu Ala Ile His Glu Ile Ala His
 65 70 75
 55 Asn Ala Ala Phe Gly Asn Cys Lys Ala Met Trp Asn Arg Trp Phe
 80 85 90
 Gly Met Phe Ala Asn Leu Pro Ile Gly Ile Pro Tyr Ser Ile Ser
 95 100 105
 Phe Lys Arg Tyr His Met Asp His His Arg Tyr Leu Gly Ala Asp
 110 115 120
 60 Gly Val Asp Val Asp Ile Pro Thr Asp Phe Glu Gly Trp Phe Phe
 125 130 135
 Cys Thr Ala Phe Arg Lys Phe Ile Trp Val Ile Leu Gln Pro Leu
 140 145 150
 65 Phe Tyr Ala Phe Arg Pro Leu Phe Ile Asn Pro Lys Pro Ile Thr
 155 160 165
 Tyr Leu Glu Val Ile Asn Thr Val Ala Gln Val Thr Phe Asp Ile

		170		175		180
	Leu Ile Tyr Tyr	Phe Leu Gly Ile Lys	Ser Leu Val Tyr Met	Leu		
		185		190		195
5	Ala Ala Ser Leu	Leu Gly Leu Gly Leu	His Pro Ile Ser Gly	His		
		200		205		210
	Phe Ile Ala Glu	His Tyr Met Phe Leu	Lys Gly His Glu Thr	Tyr		
		215		220		225
	Ser Tyr Tyr Gly	Pro Leu Asn Leu Leu	Thr Phe Asn Val Gly	Tyr		
		230		235		240
10	His Asn Glu His	His Asp Phe Pro Asn	Ile Pro Gly Lys Ser	Leu		
		245		250		255
	Pro Leu Val Arg	Lys Ile Ala Ala Glu	Tyr Tyr Asp Asn Leu	Pro		
		260		265		270
15	His Tyr Asn Ser	Trp Ile Lys Val Leu	Tyr Asp Phe Val Met	Asp		
		275		280		285
	Asp Thr Ile Ser	Pro Tyr Ser Arg Met	Lys Arg His Gln Lys	Gly		
		290		295		300
	Glu Met Val Leu	Glu *** Ile Ser Leu	Val Pro Lys Gly Phe	Phe		
		305		310		315
20	Ser Lys Thr Leu	Asp Asp Lys Met Glu	Phe Leu His Tyr ***	Thr		
		320		325		330
	*** Asp Gln ***	Cys Ser Glu Ala Pro	Leu Ala Gln Phe Gln	Ser		
		335		340		345
25	Lys Ser Ser Val	Ile Pro Arg Ser Glu	Ser Gly Phe *** Thr	Val		
		350		355		360
	Ser Leu Thr Leu	Tyr Cys Ser Val Ser	Leu Thr Gly Asn Leu	***		
		365		370		375
	Leu Val Tyr Tyr	Arg His *** Gly Cys	Phe Thr His Val Cys	His		
		380		385		390
30	Phe Ile Ser Ile	Ser Phe Lys Lys Leu	Leu Lys Ser Tyr Phe	Ala		
		400		405		410
	Arg					

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:35:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 218 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2153526)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:35:

	Tyr Leu Leu Arg	Pro Leu Leu Pro His	Leu Cys Ala Thr Ile	Gly
	1	5	10	15
50	Ala Glu Ser Phe	Leu Gly Leu Phe Phe	Ile Val Arg Phe Leu	Glu
	20	25	30	
	Ser Asn Trp Phe	Val Trp Val Thr Gln	Met Asn His Ile Pro	Met
	35	40	45	
	His Ile Asp His	Asp Arg Asn Met Asp	Trp Val Ser Thr Gln	Leu
	50	55	60	
55	Gln Ala Thr Cys	Asn Val His Lys Ser	Ala Phe Asn Asp Trp	Phe
	65	70	75	
	Ser Gly His Leu	Asn Phe Gln Ile Glu	His His Leu Phe Pro	Thr
	80	85	90	
60	Met Pro Arg His	Asn Tyr His Lys Val	Ala Pro Leu Val Gln	Ser
	95	100	105	
	Leu Cys Ala Lys	His Gly Ile Glu Tyr	Gln Ser Lys Pro Leu	Leu
	110	115	120	
	Ser Ala Phe Ala	Asp Ile Ile His Ser	Leu Lys Glu Ser Gly	Gln
	125	130	135	
65	Leu Trp Leu Asp	Ala Tyr Leu His Gln	*** Gln Gln Pro Pro	Cys
	140	145	150	

5 Pro Val Trp Lys Lys Arg Arg Lys Thr Leu Glu Pro Arg Gln Arg
 155 160 165
 Gly Ala *** Gly Thr Met Pro Leu *** Phe Asn Thr Gln Arg Gly
 170 175 180
 Leu Gly Leu Gly Thr *** Ser Leu *** Leu Lys Leu Leu Pro Phe
 185 190 195
 Ile Phe *** Pro Gln Phe *** Asp Pro Lys Trp Gly Val Asp Thr
 200 205 210
 10 Glu Val Pro Arg Arg Glu Gly Ala
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15 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:36:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 86 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 3506132)

25 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:36:

30 Val Phe Tyr Phe Gly Asn Gly Trp Ile Pro Thr Leu Ile Thr Ala
 1 5 10 15
 Phe Val Leu Ala Thr Ser Gln Ala Gln Ala Gly Trp Leu Gln His
 20 25 30
 Asp Tyr Gly His Leu Ser Val Tyr Arg Lys Pro Lys Trp Asn His
 35 40 45
 Leu Val His Lys Phe Val Ile Gly His Leu Lys Gly Ala Ser Ala
 50 55 60
 Asn Trp Trp Asn His Arg His Phe Gln His His Ala Lys Pro Asn
 65 70 75
 40 Leu Gly Glu Trp Gln Pro Ile Glu Tyr Gly Lys Xxx
 80 85

45 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:37:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 306 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

50 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 3854933)

55 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:37:

60 Gln Gly Pro Thr Pro Arg Tyr Phe Thr Trp Asp Glu Val Ala Gln
 1 5 10 15
 Arg Ser Gly Cys Glu Arg Trp Leu Val Ile Asp Arg Lys Val
 20 25 30
 Tyr Asn Ile Ser Glu Phe Thr Arg Arg His Pro Gly Gly Ser Arg
 35 40 45
 Val Ile Ser His Tyr Ala Gly Gln Asp Ala Thr Asp Pro Phe Val
 50 55 60
 65 Ala Phe His Ile Asn Lys Gly Leu Val Lys Lys Tyr Met Asn Ser
 65 70 75
 Leu Leu Ile Gly Glu Leu Ser Pro Glu Gln Pro Ser Phe Glu Pro

		80		85		90
	Thr Lys Asn Lys	Glu Leu Thr Asp Glu Phe Arg Glu Leu Arg Ala				
		95		100		105
5	Thr Val Glu Arg Met Gly Leu Met Lys Ala Asn His Val Phe Phe					
		110		115		120
	Leu Leu Tyr Leu Leu His Ile Leu Leu Leu Asp Gly Ala Ala Trp					
		125		130		135
	Leu Thr Leu Trp Val Phe Gly Thr Ser Phe Leu Pro Phe Leu Leu					
		140		145		150
10	Cys Ala Val Leu Leu Ser Ala Val Gln Ala Gln Ala Gly Trp Leu					
		155		160		165
	Gln His Asp Phe Gly His Leu Ser Val Phe Ser Thr Ser Lys Trp					
		170		175		180
15	Asn His Leu Leu His His Phe Val Ile Gly His Leu Lys Gly Ala					
		185		190		195
	Pro Ala Ser Trp Trp Asn His Met His Phe Gln His His Ala Lys					
		200		205		210
	Pro Asn Cys Phe Arg Lys Asp Pro Asp Ile Asn Met His Pro Phe					
		215		220		225
20	Phe Phe Ala Leu Gly Lys Ile Leu Ser Val Glu Leu Gly Lys Gln					
		230		235		240
	Lys Lys Lys Tyr Met Pro Tyr Asn His Gln His Xxx Tyr Phe Phe					
		245		250		255
25	Leu Ile Gly Pro Pro Ala Leu Leu Pro Leu Tyr Phe Gln Trp Tyr					
		260		265		270
	Ile Phe Tyr Phe Val Ile Gln Arg Lys Lys Trp Val Asp Leu Ala					
		275		280		285
	Trp Ile Ser Lys Gln Glu Tyr Asp Glu Ala Gly Leu Pro Leu Ser					
		290		295		300
30	Thr Ala Asn Ala Ser Lys					
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:38:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 566 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2511785)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:38:

	His Leu Lys Gly Ala Ser Ala Asn Trp Trp Asn His Arg His Phe	
	1	5
	Gln His His Ala Lys Pro Asn Ile Phe His Lys Asp Pro Asp Val	
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50	Asn Met Leu His Val Phe Val Leu Gly Glu Trp Gln Pro Ile Glu	
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	Tyr Gly Lys Lys Lys Leu Lys Tyr Leu Pro Tyr Asn His Gln His	
		50
55	Glu Tyr Phe Phe Leu Ile Gly Pro Pro Leu Leu Ile Pro Met Tyr	
		65
	Phe Gln Tyr Gln Ile Ile Met Thr Met Ile Val His Lys Asn Trp	
		80
	Val Asp Leu Ala Trp Ala Val Ser Tyr Tyr Ile Arg Phe Phe Ile	
		95
60	Thr Tyr Ile Pro Phe Tyr Gly Ile Leu Gly Ala Leu Leu Phe Leu	
		110
	Asn Phe Ile Arg Phe Leu Glu Ser His Trp Phe Val Trp Val Thr	
		125
65	Gln Met Asn His Ile Val Met Glu Ile Asp Gln Glu Ala Tyr Arg	
		140
		145
		150

	Asp Trp Phe Ser Ser Gln Leu Thr Ala Thr Cys Asn Val Glu Gln	155	160	165
	Ser Phe Phe Asn Asp Trp Phe Ser Gly His Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile	170	175	180
5	Glu His His Leu Phe Pro Thr Met Pro Arg His Asn Leu His Lys	185	190	195
	Ile Ala Pro Leu Val Lys Ser Leu Cys Ala Lys His Gly Ile Glu	200	205	210
10	Tyr Gln Glu Lys Pro Leu Leu Arg Ala Leu Leu Asp Ile Ile Arg	215	220	225
	Ser Leu Lys Lys Ser Gly Lys Leu Trp Leu Asp Ala Tyr Leu His	230	235	240
	Lys *** Ser His Ser Pro Arg Asp Thr Val Gly Lys Gly Cys Arg	245	250	255
15	Trp Gly Asp Gly Gln Arg Asn Asp Gly Leu Leu Phe *** Gly Val	260	265	270
	Ser Glu Arg Leu Val Tyr Ala Leu Leu Thr Asp Pro Met Leu Asp	275	280	285
20	Leu Ser Pro Phe Leu Leu Ser Phe Phe Ser Ser His Leu Pro His	290	295	300
	Ser Thr Leu Pro Ser Trp Asp Leu Pro Ser Leu Ser Arg Gln Pro	305	310	315
	Ser Ala Met Ala Leu Pro Val Pro Pro Ser Pro Phe Phe Gln Gly	320	325	330
25	Ala Glu Arg Trp Pro Pro Gly Val Ala Leu Ser Tyr Leu His Ser	335	340	345
	Leu Pro Leu Lys Met Gly Gly Asp Gln Arg Ser Met Gly Leu Ala	350	355	360
30	Cys Glu Ser Pro Leu Ala Ala Trp Ser Leu Gly Ile Thr Pro Ala	365	370	375
	Leu Val Leu Gln Met Leu Leu Gly Phe Ile Gly Ala Gly Pro Ser	380	385	390
	Arg Ala Gly Pro Leu Thr Leu Pro Ala Trp Leu His Ser Pro ***	400	405	410
35	Arg Leu Pro Leu Val His Pro Phe Ile Glu Arg Pro Ala Leu Leu	415	420	425
	Gln Ser Ser Gly Leu Pro Pro Ala Ala Arg Leu Ser Thr Arg Gly	430	435	440
40	Leu Ser *** Asp Val Gln Gly Pro Arg Pro Ala Gly Thr Ala Ser	445	450	455
	Pro Asn Leu Gly Pro Trp Lys Ser Pro Pro Pro His His *** Ser	460	465	470
	Ala Leu Thr Leu Gly Phe His Gly Pro His Ser Thr Ala Ser Pro	475	480	485
45	Thr *** Ala Cys Asp Leu Gly Thr Lys Gly Gly Val Pro Arg Leu	490	495	500
	Leu *** Leu Ser Arg Gly Ser Gly His Val Gln Gly Gly Ala Gly	505	510	515
50	Trp Pro Gly Gly Ser Ala His Pro Pro Ala Phe Pro Gln Gly Val	520	525	530
	Leu Arg Ser Lys Ile Leu Glu Gln Ser Asp Pro Ser Pro Lys Ala	535	540	545
	Leu Leu Ser Ala Gly Gln Cys Gln Pro Ile Pro Gly His Leu Ala	550	555	560
55	Pro Gly Asp Val Gly Pro Xxx	565		

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:39:

(1) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 619 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 2535)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:39:

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Val Phe Tyr Phe Gly Asn Gly Trp Ile Pro Thr Leu Ile Thr Ala
 1 5 10 15
 Phe Val Leu Ala Thr Ser Gln Ala Gln Ala Gly Trp Leu Gln His
 20 25 30
 Asp Tyr Gly His Leu Ser Val Tyr Arg Lys Pro Lys Trp Asn His
 35 40 45
 Leu Val His Lys Phe Val Ile Gly His Leu Lys Gly Ala Ser Ala
 50 55 60
 Asn Trp Trp Asn His Arg His Phe Gln His His Ala Lys Pro Asn
 65 70 75
 Ile Phe His Lys Asp Pro Asp Val Asn Met Leu His Val Phe Val
 80 85 90
 Leu Gly Glu Trp Gln Pro Ile Glu Tyr Gly Lys Lys Lys Leu Lys
 95 100 105
 Tyr Leu Pro Tyr Asn His Gln His Glu Tyr Phe Phe Leu Ile Gly
 110 115 120
 Pro Pro Leu Leu Ile Pro Met Tyr Phe Gln Tyr Gln Ile Ile Met
 125 130 135
 Thr Met Ile Val His Lys Asn Trp Val Asp Leu Ala Trp Ala Val
 140 145 150
 Ser Tyr Tyr Ile Arg Phe Phe Ile Thr Tyr Ile Pro Phe Tyr Gly
 155 160 165
 Ile Leu Gly Ala Leu Leu Phe Leu Asn Phe Ile Arg Phe Leu Glu
 170 175 180
 Ser His Trp Phe Val Trp Val Thr Gln Met Asn His Ile Val Met
 185 190 195
 Glu Ile Asp Gln Glu Ala Tyr Arg Asp Trp Phe Ser Ser Gln Leu
 200 205 210
 Thr Ala Thr Cys Asn Val Glu Gln Ser Phe Phe Asn Asp Trp Phe
 215 220 225
 Ser Gly His Leu Asn Phe Gln Ile Glu His His Leu Phe Pro Thr
 230 235 240
 Met Pro Arg His Asn Leu His Lys Ile Ala Pro Leu Val Lys Ser
 245 250 255
 Leu Cys Ala Lys His Gly Ile Glu Tyr Gln Glu Lys Pro Leu Leu
 260 265 270
 Arg Ala Leu Leu Asp Ile Ile Arg Ser Leu Lys Lys Ser Gly Lys
 275 280 285
 Leu Trp Leu Asp Ala Tyr Leu His Lys *** Ser His Ser Pro Arg
 290 295 300
 Asp Thr Val Gly Lys Gly Cys Arg Trp Gly Asp Gly Gln Arg Asn
 305 310 315
 Asp Gly Leu Leu Phe *** Gly Val Ser Glu Arg Leu Val Tyr Ala
 320 325 330
 Leu Leu Thr Asp Pro Met Leu Asp Leu Ser Pro Phe Leu Leu Ser
 335 340 345
 Phe Phe Ser Ser His Leu Pro His Ser Thr Leu Pro Ser Trp Asp
 350 355 360
 Leu Pro Ser Leu Ser Arg Gln Pro Ser Ala Met Ala Leu Pro Val
 365 370 375
 Pro Pro Ser Pro Phe Phe Gln Gly Ala Glu Arg Trp Pro Pro Gly
 380 385 390
 Val Ala Leu Ser Tyr Leu His Ser Leu Pro Leu Lys Met Gly Gly
 400 405 410
 Asp Gln Arg Ser Met Gly Leu Ala Cys Glu Ser Pro Leu Ala Ala
 415 420 425
 Trp Ser Leu Gly Ile Thr Pro Ala Leu Val Leu Gln Met Leu Leu
 430 435 440
 Gly Phe Ile Gly Ala Gly Pro Ser Arg Ala Gly Pro Leu Thr Leu
 445 450 455

5 Pro Ala Trp Leu His Ser Pro *** Arg Leu Pro Leu Val His Pro
 460 465 470
 Phe Ile Glu Arg Pro Ala Leu Leu Gln Ser Ser Gly Leu Pro Pro
 475 480 485
 Ala Ala Arg Leu Ser Thr Arg Gly Leu Ser *** Asp Val Gln Gly
 490 495 500
 Pro Arg Pro Ala Gly Thr Ala Ser Pro Asn Leu Gly Pro Trp Lys
 505 510 515
 10 Ser Pro Pro Pro His His *** Ser Ala Leu Thr Leu Gly Phe His
 520 525 530
 Gly Pro His Ser Thr Ala Ser Pro Thr *** Ala Cys Asp Leu Gly
 535 540 545
 Thr Lys Gly Gly Val Pro Arg Leu Leu *** Leu Ser Arg Gly Ser
 550 555 560
 15 Gly His Val Gln Gly Ala Gly Trp Pro Gly Gly Ser Ala His
 565 570 575
 Pro Pro Ala Phe Pro Gln Gly Val Leu Arg Ser Lys Ile Leu Glu
 580 585 590
 20 Gln Ser Asp Pro Ser Pro Lys Ala Leu Leu Ser Ala Gly Gln Cys
 595 600 605
 Gln Pro Ile Pro Gly His Leu Ala Pro Gly Asp Val Gly Pro Xxx
 610 615 620

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:40:

30 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 757 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: amino acid (Translation of Contig 253538a)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:40:

40 Gln Gly Pro Thr Pro Arg Tyr Phe Thr Trp Asp Glu Val Ala Gln
 1 5 10 15
 Arg Ser Gly Cys Glu Glu Arg Trp Leu Val Ile Asp Arg Lys Val
 20 25 30
 Tyr Asn Ile Ser Glu Phe Thr Arg Arg His Pro Gly Gly Ser Arg
 35 40 45
 45 Val Ile Ser His Tyr Ala Gly Gln Asp Ala Thr Asp Pro Phe Val
 50 55 60
 Ala Phe His Ile Asn Lys Gly Leu Val Lys Lys Tyr Met Asn Ser
 65 70 75
 50 Leu Leu Ile Gly Glu Leu Ser Pro Glu Gln Pro Ser Phe Glu Pro
 80 85 90
 Thr Lys Asn Lys Glu Leu Thr Asp Glu Phe Arg Glu Leu Arg Ala
 95 100 105
 Thr Val Glu Arg Met Gly Leu Met Lys Ala Asn His Val Phe Phe
 110 115 120
 55 Leu Leu Tyr Leu Leu His Ile Leu Leu Leu Asp Gly Ala Ala Trp
 125 130 135
 Leu Thr Leu Trp Val Phe Gly Thr Ser Phe Leu Pro Phe Leu Leu
 140 145 150
 60 Cys Ala Val Leu Leu Ser Ala Val Gln Gln Ala Gln Ala Gly Trp
 155 160 165
 Leu Gln His Asp Tyr Gly His Leu Ser Val Tyr Arg Lys Pro Lys
 170 175 180
 Trp Asn His Leu Val His Lys Phe Val Ile Gly His Leu Lys Gly
 185 190 195
 65 Ala Ser Ala Asn Trp Trp Asn His Arg His Phe Gln His His Ala
 200 205 210

	Lys	Pro	Asn	Ile	Phe	His	Lys	Asp	Pro	Asp	Val	Asn	Met	Leu	His	
					215					220						225
	Val	Phe	Val	Leu	Gly	Glu	Trp	Gln	Pro	Ile	Glu	Tyr	Gly	Lys	Lys	
					230					235						240
5	Lys	Leu	Lys	Tyr	Leu	Pro	Tyr	Asn	His	Gln	His	Glu	Tyr	Phe	Phe	
					245					250						255
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					685					690						695
65	Arg	Gly	Ser	Gly	His	Val	Gln	Gly	Gly	Ala	Gly	Trp	Pro	Gly	Gly	
					700					705						710

5 Ser Ala His Pro Pro Ala Phe Pro Gln Gly Val Leu Arg Ser Lys
715 720 725
Ile Leu Glu Gln Ser Asp Pro Ser Pro Lys Ala Leu Leu Ser Ala
730 735 740
Gly Gln Cys Gln Pro Ile Pro Gly His Leu Ala Pro Gly Asp Val
745 750 755
Gly Pro Xxx

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated nucleic acid comprising:
a nucleotide sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.
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2. A polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence according to claim 1.
3. A purified or isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence
depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.
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4. An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid
sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.
5. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a
polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the
carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said nucleotide sequence has an average
A/T content of less than about 60%.
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6. The isolated nucleic acid according to Claim 5, wherein said nucleic acid is
derived from a fungus.
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7. The isolated nucleic acid according to Claim 6, wherein said fungus is of the
genus *Mortierella*.
8. The isolated nucleic acid according to Claim 7, wherein said fungus is of the
species *Mortierella alpina*.
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9. An isolated nucleic acid, wherein the nucleotide sequence of said nucleic acid is depicted in SEQ ID NO: 1. or SEQ ID NO: 3.
10. An isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide is a eukaryotic polypeptide or is derived from a eukaryotic polypeptide.
11. The isolated or purified eukaryotic polypeptide according to Claim 10, wherein said eukaryotic polypeptide is derived from a fungus.
12. A nucleic acid comprising:
a fungal nucleotide sequence which is substantially identical to a sequence of at least 50 nucleotides in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 or is complementary to a sequence of at least 50 nucleotides in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.
13. An isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3.
14. An isolated nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence with at least about 50% homology to sequence encoding an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4.
15. The nucleic acid of claim 14, wherein said amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 is selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues 50-53, 39-43, 172-176, 204-213, and 390-402.
16. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

a nucleotide sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 linked to a heterologous nucleic acid.

17. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

5 a nucleotide sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3 operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a microbial cell.

18. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 17, wherein said microbial
10 cell is a yeast cell.

19. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 17, wherein said nucleotide sequence is derived from a fungus.

15 20. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 19, wherein said fungus is of the genus *Mortierella*.

21. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 20, wherein said fungus is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

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22. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

a fungal nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleic acid is
25 operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in a microbial cell, wherein said nucleotide sequence encodes a functionally active polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12 from the carboxyl end of a fatty acid molecule.

23. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

5 a nucleotide sequence having an A/T content of less than about 60% which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 6$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a yeast cell.

24. A nucleic acid construct comprising:

10 a fungal nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 12$ -desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all of or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in a SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably associated with a transcription control sequence functional in a yeast cell.

15 25. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

a nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23 or Claim 24.

20 26. The recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 25, wherein said yeast cell is a *Saccharomyces* cell.

27. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

25 at least one copy of a vector comprising a fungal nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide which converts 18:2 fatty acids to 18:3 fatty acids or 18:3 fatty acids to 18:4 fatty acids, wherein said yeast cell or an ancestor of said yeast cell was transformed with said vector to produce said recombinant yeast cell, and wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant yeast cell.

28. The recombinant yeast cell according to claim 27, wherein said fungal nucleotide sequence is a *Mortierella* nucleotide sequence.

5 29. The recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 28, wherein said recombinant yeast cell is a *Saccharomyces* cell.

30. The microbial cell according to Claim 27, wherein said expression control sequence is provided in said expression vector.

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31. A method for production of GLA in a yeast culture, said method comprising:

growing a yeast culture having a plurality of recombinant yeast cells, wherein said yeast cells or an ancestor of said yeast cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts LA to GLA, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said yeast cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby GLA is produced from LA in said yeast culture.

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20 32. The method according to Claim 31, wherein said fungal DNA is *Mortierella* DNA and said polypeptide is a $\Delta 6$ desaturase.

33. The method according to Claim 32, wherein *Mortierella* is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

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34. The method according to Claim 31, wherein said LA is exogenously supplied.

35. The method according to Claim 31, wherein said conditions are inducible.

5 36. A method for production of stearidonic acid in a yeast culture, said method comprising:

growing a yeast culture having a plurality of recombinant yeast cells, wherein said yeast cells or an ancestor of said yeast cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts α -linolenic acid to stearidonic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said yeast cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby stearidonic acid is produced from α -linolenic acid in said yeast culture.

10 37. The method according to Claim 36, wherein said fungal DNA is *Mortierella* DNA and said polypeptide is a $\Delta 6$ desaturase.

38. The method according to Claim 37, wherein *Mortierella* is of the species *Mortierella alpina*.

20 39. The method according to Claim 36, wherein said α -linolenic acid is exogenously supplied.

40. The method according to Claim 36, wherein said conditions are inducible.

25 41. A method for production of linoleic acid in a yeast culture, said method comprising:

growing a yeast culture having a plurality of recombinant yeast cells,
wherein said yeast cells or an ancestor of said yeast cells were transformed with a
vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts oleic acid to
linoleic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control
5 sequence functional in said yeast cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is
expressed, whereby linoleic acid is produced from oleic acid in said yeast culture.

42. The method according to Claim 41, wherein said fungal DNA is
10 *Mortierella* DNA and said polypeptide is a $\Delta 12$ desaturase.

43. The method according to Claim 42, wherein *Mortierella* is of the
species *Mortierella alpina*.

44. The method according to Claim 41, wherein said conditions are
15 inducible.

45. An isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid
molecule at carbon 12 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said
polypeptide is a fungal polypeptide or is derived from a fungal polypeptide.
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46. The isolated or purified polypeptide according to Claim 46, wherein
said polypeptide is a *Mortierella alpina* $\Delta 12$ desaturase.

47. An isolated or purified polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid
25 molecule at carbon 6 from the carboxyl end of said polypeptide, wherein said
polypeptide is a fungal polypeptide or is derived from a fungal polypeptide.

48. The isolated or purified polypeptide according to Claim 48, wherein said polypeptide is a $\Delta 6$ desaturase.

5 49. An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide according to Claim 47 or Claim 49.

10 50. The nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23, wherein said portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ.ID. NO: 2 comprises amino acids 1 through 457.

51. A host cell comprising:

a nucleic acid construct according to any one of Claims 22 to 24.

52. A host cell comprising:

15 a vector which includes a nucleic acid which encodes a fatty acid desaturase derived from *Mortierella alpina*, wherein said desaturase has an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:2, and wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked to a promoter.

20 53. The host cell according to Claim 52, wherein said host cell is a eukaryotic cell.

25 54. The host cell according to Claim 53, wherein said eukaryotic cell is selected from the group consisting of a mammalian cell, a plant cell, an insect cell, a fungal cell, an avian cell and an algal cell.

55. The host cell according to Claim 54, wherein said host cell is a fungal cell.

56. The host cell of Claim 21, wherein said promoter is exogenously supplied to said host cell.

5 57. A method for production of stearidonic acid in a eukaryotic cell culture, said method comprising:

growing a eukaryotic cell culture having a plurality of recombinant eukaryotic cells, wherein said recombinant eukaryotic cells or ancestors of said recombinant eukaryotic cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal
10 DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts α -linolenic acid to stearidonic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant eukaryotic cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby stearidonic acid is produced from α -linolenic acid in said eukaryotic cell culture.

15 58. A method for production of linoleic acid in a eukaryotic cell culture, said method comprising:

growing a eukaryotic cell culture having a plurality of recombinant eukaryotic cells, wherein said recombinant eukaryotic cells or ancestors of said
20 recombinant eukaryotic cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts oleic acid to linoleic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant eukaryotic cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby linoleic acid is produced from oleic acid in said eukaryotic cell culture.

25 59. The method according to Claim 57 or Claim 58, wherein said eukaryotic cells are selected from the group consisting of mammalian cells, plant cells, insect cells, fungal cells, avian cells and algal cells.

60. The method according to Claim 59, wherein said fungal cells are yeast cells of the genus *Saccharomyces*.

61. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

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- (1) at least one nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23 or 24; or
 - (2) at least one nucleic acid construct according to Claim 23 and at least one nucleic acid construct according to Claim 24.

62. A recombinant yeast cell comprising:

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- at least one nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 6$ desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 2, and at least one nucleic acid construct comprising a
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- nucleotide sequence which encodes a functionally active $\Delta 12$ desaturase having an amino acid sequence which corresponds to or is complementary to all or a portion of an amino acid sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleic acid constructs are operably associated with transcription control sequences functional in a yeast cell.

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63. A method of making GLA, said method comprising:

growing a recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 62 under conditions whereby said nucleotide sequences are expressed , whereby GLA is produced in said yeast cell.

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64. A method of making GLA, said method comprising:

growing a recombinant yeast cell according to Claim 61 under conditions whereby the nucleotide sequences in said nucleic acid constructs are expressed , whereby GLA is produced in said yeast cell.

65. A method for obtaining altered long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis comprising the steps of:

growing a plant having cells which contain one or more transgenes, derived from a fungus or algae, which encodes a transgene expression product which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at a carbon selected from the group consisting of carbon 6 and carbon 12 from the carboxyl end of said fatty acid molecule, wherein said one or more transgenes is operably associated with an expression control sequence, under conditions whereby said one or more transgenes is expressed, whereby long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis in said cells is altered.

66. The method according to claim 65, wherein said long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of 18:1 ω 9, LA, GLA, SDA and ALA.

67. A microbial oil or fraction thereof produced according to the method of claim 65.

68. A method of treating or preventing malnutrition comprising administering said microbial oil of claim 67 to a patient in need of said treatment or prevention in an amount sufficient to effect said treatment or prevention.

69. A pharmaceutical composition comprising said microbial oil or fraction of claim 67 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

70. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 69, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in the form of a solid or a liquid.

71. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 70, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in a capsule or tablet form.

5 72. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 69 further comprising at least one nutrient selected from the group consisting of a vitamin, a mineral, a carbohydrate, a sugar, an amino acid, a free fatty acid, a phospholipid, an antioxidant, and a phenolic compound.

73. A nutritional formula comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

10 74. The nutritional formula of claim 73, wherein said nutritional formula is selected from the group consisting of an infant formula, a dietary supplement, and a dietary substitute.

15 75. The nutritional formula of claim 74, wherein said infant formula, dietary supplement or dietary supplement is in the form of a liquid or a solid.

76. An infant formula comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

20 77. The infant formula of claim 76 further comprising at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electrodialysed whey, electrodialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein hydrolysates.

25 78. The infant formula of claim 77 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper, chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

79. A dietary supplement comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

5 80. The dietary supplement of claim 79 further comprising at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electrodialysed whey, electrodialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein hydrolysates.

10 81. The dietary supplement of claim 80 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper, chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

15 82. The dietary supplement of claim 79 or claim 81, wherein said dietary supplement is administered to a human or an animal.

20 83. A dietary substitute comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

25 84. The dietary substitute of claim 83 further comprising at least one macronutrient selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, canola oil, mono- and diglycerides, glucose, edible lactose, electrodialysed whey, electrodialysed skim milk, milk whey, soy protein, and other protein hydrolysates.

85. The dietary substitute of claim 84 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of Vitamins A, C, D, E, and B complex; and at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, magnesium,

zinc, manganese, sodium, potassium, phosphorus, copper, chloride, iodine, selenium, and iron.

5 86. The dietary substitute of claim 83 or claim 85, wherein said dietary substitute is administered to a human or animal.

10 87. A method of treating a patient having a condition caused by insufficient intake or production of polyunsaturated fatty acids comprising administering to said patient said dietary substitute of claim 83 or said dietary supplement of claim 79 in an amount sufficient to effect said treatment.

 88. The method of claim 87, wherein said dietary substitute or said dietary supplement is administered enterally or parenterally.

15 89. A cosmetic comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

 90. The cosmetic of claim 88, wherein said cosmetic is applied topically.

20 91. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 69, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is administered to a human or an animal.

 92. An animal feed comprising said microbial oil or fraction thereof of claim 67.

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 93. The method of claim 20 wherein said fungus is *Mortierella species*.

94. The method of claim 93 wherein said fungus is *Mortierella alpina*.

95. An isolated peptide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:34 - SEQ ID NO:40.

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96. An isolated peptide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:25 and SEQ ID NO:26.

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97. A method for production of gamma-linolenic acid in a eukaryotic cell culture, said method comprising:

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growing a eukaryotic cell culture having a plurality of recombinant eukaryotic cells, wherein said recombinant eukaryotic cells or ancestors of said recombinant eukaryotic cells were transformed with a vector comprising fungal DNA encoding a polypeptide which converts linoleic acid to gamma-linolenic acid, wherein said DNA is operably associated with an expression control sequence functional in said recombinant eukaryotic cells, under conditions whereby said DNA is expressed, whereby gamma-linolenic acid is produced from linoleic acid in said eukaryotic cell culture.

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98. The method according to Claim 97 wherein said eukaryotic cells are selected from the group consisting of mammalian cells, plant cells, insect cells, fungal cells, avian cells and algal cells.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal
body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged
effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: (not applicable)
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all
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4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This international Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-94, 97, 98

Isolated nucleic acids comprising SEQ ID NO: 1,3, as well as polypeptides comprising SEQ ID NO: 2,4, homologs and fragments thereof.

An isolated or purified eukaryotic polypeptide which desaturates a fatty acid molecule at carbon 6 or 12, especially of fungal origin, especially of *Mortierella alpina*.

Nucleic acid constructs and vectors comprising delta-6, or delta 12 desaturases according to SEQ ID NO: 1,3, derived from the fungus *Mortierella alpina*.

Recombinant cells comprising said constructs.

Methods for the production of GLA, stearidonic acid, linoleic acid, or gamma-linolenic acid in eukaryotic cell cultures, especially yeast cultures, employing DNA sequences or constructs coding for delta-6, or delta-12 desaturases of fungal origin, especially of *Mortierella alpina*.

Methods for obtaining altered long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis using plants comprising delta-6, or delta-12 desaturases, or combinations thereof, derived from fungi or algae.

Plant oils derived from said plants and their use for therapeutical, nutritional, and cosmetical purposes, as well as products derived therefrom.

2. Claim : 95

An isolated peptides sequence selected from the group of SEQ ID NO: 34-40.

3. Claim : 96

An isolated peptides sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 20, 22, 25, 26

Claims No.: not applicable

In view of the extremely broad claims 5-8, the search was executed with due regard to the PCT Search guidelines (PCT/GL/2), C-III, paragraph 2.2, 2.3 read in conjunction with 3.7 and Rule 33.3 PCT, i.e. particular emphasis was put on the inventive concept, as illustrated by *Mortierella alpina* fatty acid desaturases comprising the nucleotide sequences in SEQ ID NO:1 and 3.

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